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Criminal charges vs Dynasty, 2 execs

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Federal agents arrested yesterday the VIP services manager of the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino—and are hunting down the casino manager—on charges that they and the casino conspired to allow gamblers to conduct transactions involving more than $10,000 without filing the required paperwork with the U.S. government.

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Dynasty casino temporarily closed

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The U.S. Internal Revenue Service temporarily closed yesterday the casino area of the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino because of an ongoing investigation, Tinian officials and other sources said. Dynasty's hotel operations are not affected and tourists remain at the hotel.

Matthew Masga, chairman of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission, confirmed that IRS temporarily closed the casino starting yesterday morning. He said the commission itself received a subpoena from IRS, and they have started working on the requested documents.

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Chen wins three major awards in art contest

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A Chinese visual artist dominated the 4th Annual CNMI Art Competition sponsored by Bridge Capital LLC.

Xiaoping Chen won three major awards, including the Best of Show

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Xiaoyu Ying, mother of winning artist Xiaoping Chen, receives three awards on behalf of her daughter. CLARISSA V. DAVID

Robert Hunter receives the 1st prize in the painting category. CLARISSA V. DAVID

Nick Klewei triumphs in the wood carving category.

Leslie Ware tops the Photography category. CLARISSA V. DAVID

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Settlement talks between CPA, Leo Daly fall through

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority will continue its court battle with the contractor of the allegedly faulty design of the West Tinian Airport after recent settlement talks fell through.

CPA executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* that his travel to Iowa last month for settlement talks with the project's contractor, Leo A Daly Co., did not prosper.

"There was no settlement because we didn't reach an amount that all can agree…so I guess we're going to court," Deleon Guerrero said.

He declined to discuss specifics of the case due to the litigation that is scheduled to start in November this year.

This early, Deleon Guerrero is confident that CPA has a very strong case against Texas-based Leo Daly.

"I am very confident that we will win this case," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

The ports authority filed a $1-million lawsuit against Leo Daly in February 2012 for the allegedly faulty construction of the Tinian airport's departure terminal. CPA is accusing Leo Daly of breach of contract, professional malpractice, negligence, fraud, and violations of the Consumer Protection Act and the CNMI Building Safety Code

Both sides initially agreed to initiate the settlement negotiations. With their respective engineers, both made an assessment on how much is needed to retrofit the facility.

According to Deleon Guerrero, Leo Daly objected to other costs associated with retrofitting the facility. He declined to specify these amounts.

Leo Daly got the CPA contract in 2003 for $399,000. Funding was part of the $2.6 million approved for the Tinian airport using CIP monies. The company designed the West Tinian Airport facilities improvement and provided construction management services during construction. It completed its services in December 2008.

The Taniguchi Ruth Makio Architects, which performed other services for the West Tinian Airport, discovered that Leo Daly's design and construction did not comply with the American with Disabilities Act's requirements.

Specifically, restroom doors and stalls are too narrow to allow for ADA compliance and the sinks do not allow wheelchair access as required by the ADA. Following discovery of these deficiencies, the west facility was not allowed to open due to safety concerns.

Because of the defective design, renovation of the existing terminal has also been affected.

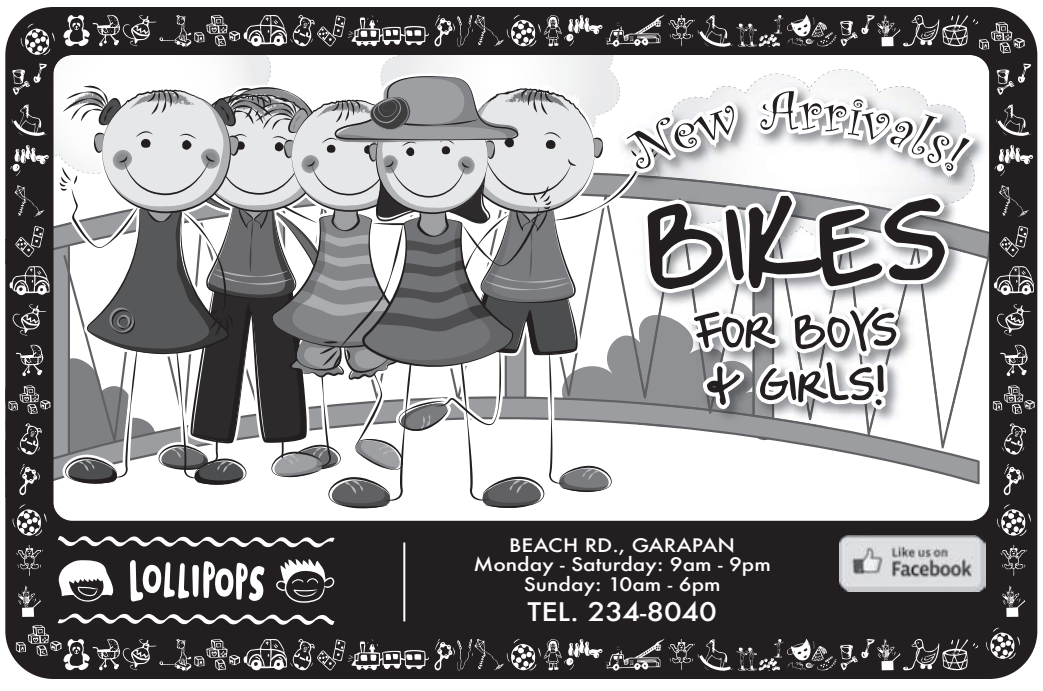
As a result, all inbound and outbound passengers on Tinian still use the old terminal, both using its small arrival and departure areas.

Deleon Guerrero disclosed that once they win the case, the award amount will be used to expand and improve Tinian's seaport and airport.

He revealed that CPA will announce by end of this month the renovation for both departure and arrival areas of the Tinian airport and is counting on the assistance of local CIP office for funding. Deleon Guerrero said CIP now has an idea of how much funding is needed to complete the project.

"The CIP office will help us… get this project started and if we win [the case against Leo Daly], all monies will stay with us but will be concentrated on fixing the seaport and airport on Tinian," added Deleon Guerrero.

The CNMI government also sued Leo Daly in 2009 due to the defective design of the Commonwealth Health Center's dialysis center. The parties reached a $2-million settlement in 2010.



'Law enforcement officers' designation sought for govt investigators

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Top CNMI law enforcement officials asked the House of Representatives yesterday to pass three Senate bills designating government investigators, inspectors, and certain personnel as "law enforcement officers" to more effectively perform their duties and be provided death benefits, instead of continuing the practice of deputizing these individuals on a need basis.

One of the three bills also empowers certain government personnel against those who may resist their law enforcement authority.

Attorney General Joey Patrick San Nicolas, Office of the Public Auditor legal counsel George Hasselback, and Department of Public Safety Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero were among those that testified in support of Senate bills 18-21, 18-22, and 18-23.

San Nicolas

Also in the House gallery to show support to the measures were Public Auditor Michael Pai and other government investigators.

The House, however, did not act on the three bills. The Senate has already passed these measures.

Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), a former police officer, authored the bills.

SB 18-21 seeks to designate the following as law enforcement officers: the chief investigator and investigators of the Office of the Attorney General's Investigation Division; the chief marshal and deputy marshals of the Marshal Service Division; Division of Youth Services' Juvenile Probation Unit; Office of the Public Auditor investigators; and investigators and inspectors of any gaming commission.

Hasselback, in his testimony before the House, said that deputization had worked well as a stopgap measure but OPA investigators found themselves in a difficult position when they investigated DPS, the very agency that deputizes them.

During the Fitial administration, top DPS officials were a subject of investigations and review for issues such as providing escort to former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham to help shield the latter from being served a penal summons related to criminal charges.

"This is no criticism of the leadership of the Department of Public Safety or the many fine men and women of DPS. However, I think that every member of this House can understand that it puts [OPA] investigators in a very difficult position to investigate the same agency that vests them with the ability to be law enforcement officers," Hasselback said.

He said designating these investigators as law enforcement officers via legislation thus becomes necessary. It would provide them real autonomy since OPA is not restricted from preventing and investigating fraud, waste and abuse of public funds, among other things.

The OPA legal counsel said the bill also clears up ambiguities whether "deputized" law enforcement officers are entitled to death benefits like other law enforcement officers.

Attorney General Joey Patrick San Nicolas said the three bills are important because they authorize the "Attorney General investigators to do their job and not have to rely on the deputization by the commissioner of Public Safety."

"When I came in as attorney general, I consulted with the DPS commissioner and advised him that I wasn't very comfortable with the deputization process and without getting into detail, I believe and so does the commissioner that the best thing would be to get authorization from the Legislature as opposed to deputization," San Nicolas said.

DPS' Deleon Guerrero echoed the AG and Hasselback's concerns.

SB 18-22 clarifies the law penalizing those who resist arrest by law enforcement officers. The law, however, does not specifically refer to officers with the DYS Juvenile Probation Unit, the Marshal Service Division, or the OAG's Investigation Division.

Those included on the list of law enforcement officers for this purpose are DPS fire service officers, any officer of DYS Juvenile Probation Unit, the chief marshal and deputy marshal of the Marshal Service Division, OAG's chief investigator and investigators, and OPA investigators.

SB 18-23, meanwhile, designates both the OAG's Investigation Division and OPA's Investigation Division as law enforcement divisions.

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Doctor, Matalog top Law Day essay, poster contests

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The top 10 winners of the 3rd Annual Essay and Poster contest of the CNMI Judiciary show their winning pieces during the awarding ceremony yesterday in the CNMI Supreme Court. Also in the photo are justices, judges, lawmakers, and a lawyer.

Jaqueline Doctor, an 8th grade student at Mount Carmel School, and Glen Matalog, a fifth grader at William S. Reyes Elementary School, grabbed the top awards in the 3rd Annual Law Day essay and poster contests of the CNMI Judiciary.

The 13-year-old Doctor received the Chief Justice Award for the essay contest for middle school students while the 11-year-old Matalog took the Presiding Judge Award during yesterday's awarding rites at the CNMI Supreme Court.

Doctor bested 64 other middle school students from private and public schools with her essay titled, "Realizing the Dream: Equality for All."

Doctor got a standing ovation from justices and judges and other people in the gallery after she finished reading her winning piece.

Doctor also joined the contest last year and got the third place, the Associate Justice Award.

Matalog's poster was chosen as the best among the entries submitted by 34 other elementary school students in the CNMI.

"It's my first time to join. I feel great," Matalog said.

The other top winners in the essay contest were Angelica S. Lucero of Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja on Rota, 2nd place (Associate Justice Award); Andrew Kim of Mount Carmel School, 3rd place (Supreme Court Award); and Eric Lee and Arron Cushing, both of Mount Carmel School, Honorable Mention Award.

In the poster contest, the other winners were Kim Na Eun of Garapan Elementary School, 2nd place (Associate Judge Award); Royce Ben of Garapan Elementary School, 3rd place (Superior Court Award); and Tiffany Hyun of William S. Reyes Elementary School, and Jeremiah Joel C. Fernandez of Garapan Elementary School, both Honorable Mention Award.

The winners were given cash awards and a copy of the book *Northern Mariana Islands Judiciary: A Historical Overview*, plus certificates of recognition.

The awarding ceremony was held shortly after Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro led the justices, judges, and lawmakers, in signing the proclamation for Law Day 2013.

CASINO

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"We are complying with the subpoena. We were given up to May 9 for this," Masga told *Saipan Tribune*.

Masga, however, could not comment on the nature of the investigation nor the types of documents requested. He said the commission has two inspectors at the casino.

Just like other officials, Masga hopes that the casino operations will go back to normal as soon as possible.

Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz, for his part, said he's informed that IRS "is looking into some concerns" about the casino.

He said the closure of the casino, if prolonged, will have a negative impact not only on the Tinian economy but also the entire CNMI. Dynasty is the biggest private sector employer on Tinian.

"It will have domino effect to the CNMI economy. I continue to urge the central government to be mindful of this closure. But again, Dynasty also has to be aware of its obligations. They cannot continue to ignore their obligations," Dela Cruz said. The Tinian mayor was on Saipan yesterday attending a homeland security-related training.

The Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino management has yet to respond to requests for comment on the temporary closure of the casino.

Don Farrell, the Tinian mayor's chief of staff, separately confirmed yesterday that he met with a group of federal officials at the casino, "all wearing different uniforms."

"I was told this is an Internal Revenue Service operation. One person was taken into custody and transported to Saipan," he said.

Farrell said the casino area "was only closed temporarily to facilitate their work."

"They hope to close out their study shortly. At that time the casino and the casino cafe will reopen as if nothing happened," he added.

Another source said the person handcuffed and arrested is a Dynasty casino official.

Many of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino's employees also have yet to receive their paychecks for up to seven payrolls.

Delayed salaries have been a recurring issue at Dynasty.

EXECS

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Federal agents executed yesterday morning a search warrant on Tinian Dynasty and arrested VIP services manager George Que.

An arrest warrant is outstanding for casino manager Tim Blythe.

Federal agents also executed warrants to seize Tinian Dynasty property and its bank accounts.

The warrants were executed by agents of the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the U.S. Marshals Service, and Homeland Security Investigations. The U.S. Coast Guard helped transport the federal agents from Saipan to Tinian.

Que was taken to the U.S. District Court for the NMI yesterday. Designated judge Robert C. Naraja ordered that Que be released on certain conditions.

Representative of Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investments, which owns Tinian Dynasty, were directed to appear in court on May 3 at 9am.

Federal agents swooped down on the Tinian Dynasty after the U.S. government filed on April 19 a criminal complaint in federal court.

The complaint, which was unsealed yesterday, charges Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investments, Ltd., Que, and Blythe with conspiracy to cause a financial institution to fail to file a Currency Transaction Report, or CTR, and causing a financial institution to fail to file a CTR.

Federal law requires that a CTR be filed with the Internal Revenue Service by financial institutions, including casinos, for any currency transaction over $10,000.

According to Alicia A.G. Limtiaco, U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the NMI, the maximum sentence for each offense is imprisonment of not more than 10 years, a fine of not more than $500,000 for an individual, and a fine of not more than $1 million for a corporation.

According to the complaint filed by the IRS, the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino allowed gamblers to conduct transactions involving more than $10,000 without filing CTRs with the U.S. government since September 2009 up to the present.

Que and Blythe allegedly did not file any CTRs or cause anyone else to do so, despite knowing the federal reporting requirement.

In May 2012, IRS Criminal Investigation initiated an undercover operation concerning possible illegal activities at Tinian Dynasty by having two agents pose as gamblers wishing to use large amounts of currency but not wanting any reports filed with the government about their use of cash.

Between Feb. 28, 2013, and March 4, 2013, Tinian Dynasty failed to file CTRs for nine transactions in the total amount of $450,130 involving undercover IRS agents.

Each of these transactions individually exceeded the reporting threshold for CTRs, the complaint states.

In his declaration, IRS special agent Todd M. Peterson said that records of the U.S. Department of the Treasury's FinCEN show that Tinian Dynasty routinely filed CTRs from 1998 to September 2009 but abruptly stopped on Sept. 12, 2009.

If convicted, the defendants would forfeit their interest in two bank accounts in Guam, two bank accounts on Saipan, and in the Tinian Dynasty itself.

CHEN

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for her work titled "Good Friends," which illustrates two young girls clad in island wear against a backdrop of Saipan's blue waters. The work won Chen $2,500.

Chen, an award-winning artist and member of the Falun Dafa Association of Saipan, was also the first ever recipient of the Texter's Choice Award after obtaining the most number of text votes.

She was also conferred the Governor's Choice Award, which won her another $1,000.

Chen was in New York at the time of the awarding ceremony on Wednesday but her mother, Xiaoyu Ying, received the prizes on her behalf.

Ying, through an interpreter, said she is very happy that Chen won the awards for a painting she made in 2011. She said this is the first time that Chen joined the annual competition.

Other winners in the painting category (30 years old and above) were Robert Hunter, first prize, "The Dance"; Rosemary A. Diaz, second prize, "Starburst"; and Eduardo M. Elenzano, second prize, "Fish Hook." For the below 30 category, Maria Manalo's entry, "Sunset at Lighthouse", was the only submission and received first prize.

In the Wood Carvings & Others category, Nick Klewei won first prize for "Saipan (Pre-History)" while Poland Yamada came second for "Latte Stone."

For the first time this year, Bridge Capital received submissions for the Photography category. Leslie Ware won first place for "Young Lady with Flame Tree" while Hervin Jacinto came second with "The Taga Hut."

In an interview, Ware thanked Bridge Capital for finally acknowledging that photography is art.

"Photography kind of takes the backstage to the other arts," he told *Saipan Tribune*. "But photography is an art in itself. I'm not talking of snapshots; I'm talking about photographic art. There's a whole range there. It's something that will eventually gain a foothold in the arts."

Meanwhile, the winners in the students category are: Jennifer Woo, kindergarten, "Sea world friends"; Jae Yun Jung, first grade, "I fall into paradise"; Irene Lee, second grade, "Play with me more"; Michelle Ji Yeon Jeon, third grade, "Jump up high, The Pacific No. 1 CNMI"; Jo Eun Lee, fourth grade, "The beautiful Saipan sunset"; Lleyton Javier, fifth grade, "The CNMI view"; Michael Ren, seventh grade, "I don't want to be alone"; Soon Ho Kwon, eighth grade, "Half-closed"; Andrea Bang, ninth grade, "The flower's dream"; Yaneil Manacop, 10th grade, "Fake reality"; Yong Jeong Kim, 11th grade, "Night Breeze"; and Anne Gelika Elenzano, 12th grade, "The Habitat."

Judging this year's entries were Superior Court Associate Judge Perry B. Inos, Mayor Donald G. Flores, Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Alex Sablan, Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, press secretary Angel Demapan, Arts Council executive director Angel S. Hocog, and Frankie Eliptico of the Northern Marianas College.

John K. Baldwin, Bridge Capital principal and chief executive officer, and Shawn A. Scott, vice chairman and director of business development, led the awarding ceremony attended by government officials led by Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Hofschneider, lawmakers, and business leaders.

In his remarks, Baldwin said that artists do not get recognized as often as they should be and their artwork not showcased as often as possible. When he and Scott brought their business to the CNMI, they decided to sponsor the annual art contest.

The contest, Scott said, helps promote and encourage the development of local artists.

"The CNMI has unbelievable talent. Many of these aspiring artists simply do not have the opportunity or venue to showcase their talent to the public and visiting tourists," said Scott, who celebrated his birthday on the day of the ceremony.

Guests attended Wednesday's event and enjoyed not only the works of art but also the refreshments and the performances from Do Re Mi School's Alan Tudela and Zhen Yu Su, who were winners in the CNMI Got Talent search, also sponsored by Bridge Capital.

The contest's text voting was in collaboration with Docomo Pacific.

'Childcare centers, providers favor CCDF transfer to PSS'

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REPORTER

The State Board of Education had sent a formal request to the Inos administration to return the administration of the childcare program and all funding associated in running it to the Public School System, saying it has the capability and expertise to better run the program.

In a letter to Gov. Eloy S. Inos, BOE board chair Herman T. Guerrero and Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., said the program's restoration to PSS is supported by childcare centers on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

The program is currently under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs. It is a federally funded initiative that gets funding every year, the bulk of which goes to pay for the services rendered by childcare centers. Last year, the program benefited 26 childcare centers; 21 family day care centers; and one home care provider—all serving about 433 children on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. For fiscal year 2012-2014, the program is allocated $1.9 million.

"Currently, these providers often wait up to 90 days to get a reimbursement from the Department of Finance for services rendered. The childcare centers and relative providers have stated that they vastly prefer to have the program administered directly by PSS than the DCCA," Guerrero and Sablan stated in their letter to the governor.

PSS initiated the childcare program in the CNMI in 1992 and, according to Guerrero and Sablan, successfully administered this block grant through 2008 until it was transferred by the Fitial administration to DCCA.

The officials pointed out that it was PSS that developed the early learning guidelines for childcare, which focused on the social, emotional, nutritional, and educational development of children.

"We provided weekly trainings for the childcare providers and developed an individual educational program for each provider along with a career pathway starting as a childcare provider and leading upwards to becoming a Head Start teacher then an elementary school teacher and to a principal or program manager," the education officials said.

They cited as a good example San Vicente Elementary School principal Yvonne R. Pangelinan, who started her educational career working in a childcare center while attending college.

Guerrero and Sablan believe that childcare should be viewed as an early education program for young children and as an upward mobility program for their parents.

"The purpose of childcare is to enable the parents to attain a full-time job, or attend school/college on a full time basis or a combination thereof. This enables the parent or parents to be in a position to take better care of the child and be a productive member of society," they said.

The two officials claimed that PSS, during the 16 years it administered the program, made certain that the focus of the childcare program was on the educational, social, emotional, nutritional, and familial development of the child and his/her parents.

Public invited to tonight's Marianas March Against Cancer

The community is invited to take part in the 2013 Marianas March Against Cancer, which starts at 6pm tonight at the Hopwood Jr. High School Field in Chalan Piao.

MMAC is the annual signature event of the non-profit group Commonwealth Cancer Association.

The 12-hour event features various teams under the categories of Pulan (families), Napu (schools), Puti'un (businesses), and Atdao (non-profit/government agencies), which will compete to raise the most money to help fund the cancer programs and services of CCA.

Participating teams in this year's event are Joeten Dolphins, DHS, TakeCare/FHP & GCA, IT&E & Saipan Southern High School, Mount Carmel School, Tan Holdings & Kagman High School, Talaabwogh Star, Korason, PIC, Bodig, Rog, Aschoscho, Marriage Encounter, Exotic, and #FREEDAVE.

Each team will have its members run or walk around the track field throughout the event in support of the fight against cancer in the Commonwealth.

Highlighting tonight's event is a banquet for survivors as well as the lighting of luminaries in honor of those who are battling or who passed away because of the deadly disease.

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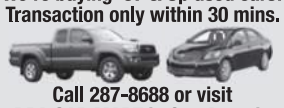
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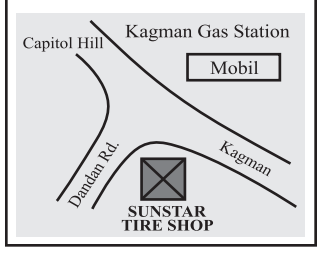

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Jury deliberations begin in Michael Jackson trial

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The jurors started deliberations yesterday in the case of Michael Anthony Jackson, who is charged with kidnapping and raping a 15-year-old girl in 2010.

The six jurors will resume their deliberations in Superior Court today, Friday, at 8:15am.

During closing arguments, assistant attorney general Nicole Driscoll said the testimonies of witnesses, including that of the victim, now 17 years old, and physical evidence are enough to convict the 34-year-old Jackson.

The testimonies of other witnesses, Driscoll said, corroborated the victim's statements about her nightmare with Jackson on the early morning of Oct. 9, 2010.

Driscoll said the evidence showed that Jackson forced the girl inside his car and brought her to an open field at the Saipan airport where he raped her inside the vehicle. "She told exactly the same thing to all these people," the prosecutor said.

She blasted the defense counsel's argument that what happened was consensual sex, pointing out that the girl was crying and shaking when she ran away from Jackson—not the actions of a person who wanted sex.

"Two and a half years later, she's still carrying so much pain," Driscoll said.

Jackson's counsel, Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig, said the evidence does not show that the defendant kidnapped and forced the girl to have sex with him.

Hartig said that Jackson told the girl his name and showed his face to her, which is not consistent with someone kidnapping a person.

"Why she did not scream or struggle in the bus stop?" the chief public defender noted, referring to the place where Jackson met the girl.

The girl also told two different stories whether she smoked marijuana or not, Hartig said.

To convict Jackson, the government needs proof beyond reasonable doubt, but in this case there's plenty of doubts, he added.

Hartig described the case as about people behaving badly—Jackson was drunk and driving around, smoked marijuana, and engaged in consensual sex with a girl.

Police said the girl had just coome from an Internet café and was walking along Tun Joaquin Doi Road in Fina Sisu on her way home at 1am when Jackson allegedly forced her into his car, brought her to an open field at the airport, and raped her inside his vehicle.

Police said the girl later managed to run away.

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Saipan mayor kicks off village meetings

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The Saipan Mayor's Office kicked off its series of public village meetings in Koblerville on April 24.

A few residents showed up at the event facilitated by Mayor Donald G. Flores and his staff at the Koblerville Youth Center, where discussions concentrated mainly on littering and illegal dumping.

Flores urged attendees to take an active role in maintaining their surroundings, in collaboration with the government's Tourism Task Force.

The mayor's adviser, Henry Hofschneider, reminded Koblerville residents that, with the task force in full swing, those who are caught littering will be issued citations and made to pay fines.

Littering also poses a health concern, and Flores invited village leaders to join efforts in addressing the issue within their vicinity and the entire island.

Flores said he plans to partner with businesses in the area so they can rent a dump truck for a major cleanup.

The public village meetings aim to engage community participation on issues that affect the public, as well as to promote the range of services offered by the Mayor's Office.

The mayor's staff took turns in presenting these community services, including identification card issuance, student cultural exchange, and the dog control program.

The next meeting is scheduled from 6:30pm to 8pm on April 30, Tuesday, at the San Antonio Elementary School cafeteria.

For more information, visit the Mayor's Office at the second floor of the Ladera Center along Beach Road, log on to www.saipanmayor.net or call 234-6208.

USAO co-sponsors anti-terrorism training in Guam, NMI

After a year of planning, the State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training Program, or SLATT, has finally come to the Marianas.

With the assistance of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, the Guam Homeland Security/Office of civil Defense, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance Program, two instructors from the Institute for Intergovernmental Research were in Guam on April 23 to 24, 2013, and in the CNMI on April 25 to 26, 2013, to conduct the SLATT workshops for law enforcement, hotel and private security, military anti-terrorism personnel, and other community leaders.

Over 160 individuals attended the training on Guam and about 150 registered to attend on Saipan.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder presented a special message addressing the SLATT participants and thanking them for their efforts to safeguard communities in Guam and the CNMI.

"April is National Crime Victims' Rights Week. We observe a moment of silence for the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing and for all victims of terrorism, and their families, and for our fallen soldiers who through their commitment and sacrifice continue to protect the freedoms exercised by all Americans," said Alicia A.G. Limtiaco, U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

"At this training, community partners have the opportunity to discuss domestic terrorism, international terrorism, indicators of terrorism, and the Suspicious Activity Community Program, which promotes law enforcement safety and de-confliction, and provides assistance to our federal, military and local law enforcement partners and the Marianas Regional Fusion Center—recently designated as the 78th fusion center in the nation—in preventing, reducing the combating some of the most concerning threats to our national security." ***(USAO)***

Marpi lot eyed for Marine Monument visitors' center

»Governor appoints DEQ's Rabauliman to Monument Advisory Council

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More than four years since a presidential designation of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument on Jan. 6, 2009, the CNMI has yet to see the promised visitors' center. Now Rep. Ray Tebuteb (IR-Saipan) wants the building to be built on 17,107.24 square meters of public land in Marpi.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, meanwhile, appointed Division of Environmental Quality director Frank Rabauliman as the third member from the CNMI of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Advisory Council.

Rabauliman, a former executive assistant for the Carolinian Affairs Office, replaces former governor's senior policy adviser Dr. John Joyner on the council.

Inos confirmed Rabauliman's appointment in an April 4 letter to Susan White, project leader of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Pacific Reefs National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

Tebuteb formally introduced yesterday afternoon House Bill 18-67, designating lands on Lot No. 009C06 in Marpi for the visitors' center.

He also introduced House Joint Resolution 18-7, asking the Marine Monument Advisory Council to have the visitors' center be located in Marpi.

Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Arnold Palacios, one of the three members of the Advisory Council from the CNMI, said yesterday he is considering Tebuteb's proposal to place the visitors' center in Marpi.

Another Advisory Council member from the CNMI is Benigno Sablan.

Tebuteb said construction of the visitors' center in the CNMI "will consummate the verbal agreements earlier negotiated between our local government and U.S. federal officials."

He also said this will draw visitors to the CNMI for scientific, educational, and recreational purposes, "and therefore greatly contribute to our struggling visitor industry."

The Marine Monument spans over 480 miles and incorporates about 95,216 square miles within three units in the Mariana Archipelago containing some of the nation's most unique and pristine marine environments.

The vast majority of the monument is located in the waters surrounding the CNMI, including its three northernmost islands of Farallon de Pajaros, Maug, and Asuncion.

Close to 300 students enroll early at NMC

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For the first time in many years, Northern Marianas College held an early registration for the new semester. As of yesterday, close to 300 have already enrolled in various programs.

These enrollees are full-time students for fall semester 2013.

In the past, registration for the fall semester occurred a week before classes began. This year, ongoing students were able to register for classes beginning earlier this April—more than four months prior to the start of classes.

"One of the things we've learned from students through surveys and by talking to them is that they want to be able to register much earlier so that they can better plan their semesters," said Leo Pangelinan, Student Services dean.

According to Pangelinan, many of their students have full- or part-time jobs and other personal obligations so having their class schedule worked out months in advance helps them plan.

"Because this is the first time in many years that we're doing registration this early, we will also be asking students about their registration experience so we can improve the process for next term," Pangelinan said.

NMC student Jian Joyner liked being able to register early because it's a lot less hectic than registering just a week before classes start.

For student Lani Nicole Russel, the registration process went smoothly and was a lot easier this time around.

Additional periods of registration for ongoing and new students for fall 2013 will be announced on the college's website, www.nmcnet.edu.

NMC offers several degree and certificate programs, including a bachelor of science degree in education (emphasis on elementary education, early childhood education, special education, or rehabilitation and human services), associate degrees in business, business administration (emphasis on accounting, business management, or computer applications), liberal arts, nursing, natural resources management, criminal justice, and hospitality management. Moreover, it offers short-term certificate programs in different vocational, academic, and professional areas.

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Lions medical mission moved to Mt. Carmel Social Hall

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The Annual Medical Mission/ Health Fair of the Region 2 Saipan Lions clubs on Sunday has been moved to the Mount Carmel Joeten-Daidai Social Hall.

Lion Annamae Adaza, region assistant public relations officer, said yesterday that they moved the venue "so that those who will avail the services will be more comfortable in the air-conditioned social hall. We don't want them to fall in line under the heat of the sun."

The initial venue was the Civic Center Beach Park.

The event, which will be held from 8am to noon, will offer free blood sugar and blood pressure screenings by the Northern Marianas College Nursing Club and vision checkup by Hardt Eye Clinic.

Adaza said the Public Health Immunization Program will also participate. PHI Pharmacy pledged to donate strips supplies and the expertise of its two interns from Hawaii while Brabu Pharmacy also donated medical supplies.

Reading and prescription glasses will also be distributed at the venue. Other medical practitioners are also welcome to volunteer their services.

The Lions clubs are also inviting companies to make monetary or in-kind contribution for the event. Adaza said their sponsors now include the Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Cosmos, D&Q, and Saipan Ice & Water.

Meanwhile, a fundraising dinner will be held tomorrow, April 27, to support plans to charter the Tinian Lions Club. The event will be held at 7pm at JC Café in San Jose on Tinian.

ME community welcomes 18 new couples

The CNMI chapter of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter recently welcomed 18 newly encountered couples to the ME community last weekend. For the first time, the Weekend Presenters included four couples and a priest that included Fr. Isaac Ayuyu, Charlie and Esther Keone (Guam), Frank and Winnie Taijito (Guam), John and Carol Hosono (Saipan), and Tom and Erica Thornburgh (Saipan).

The Weekend Renewal for the entire ME community is scheduled on Monday, April 29, 2013 (6pm) at the Kanoa Resort's Seaside Hall and all newly encountered and alumni couples are invited to attend.

For couples who missed out on this Weekend and are interested in joining the next Weekend in October, contact Joe and Linda Muña at 287-2102. ***(PR)***

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Apr. 26, 2005

SGMA disagrees with worker transfer ban

The Saipan Garment Association is not in favor of a bill that seeks to ban the transfer of workers between employers. In response to a request from House Committee for Commerce and Tourism Chairman Ray N. Yumul, and in preparation for a public hearing announced for May 10, 2004 at the House of Representatives, SGMA submitted its stand on House Bill 14-142, referred to as "The Alien Workers Act of 2004". In written comments, SGMA applauded Yumul and committee members for "tackling the Nonresident Workers Act and the problems that have been associated with its administration."

CNMI eyes higher immunization rate

Officials have called on parents and guardians to bring their children to clinics for immunization even as the government aims to increase the immunization rate in the CNMI from the current 77 percent to about 85 to 90 percent. "It remains the most effective way to prevent life threatening diseases such as polio, small pox, measles, tetanus, etc. It's a matter of parents now making the initiative to bring their children to the clinics for immunization. It's not only free but it saves lives," said Department of Public Health medical director Dr. Richard Brostrom. In his remarks, during last Friday's immunization week proclamation signing at the Commonwealth Health Center, Brostrom said that due to immunization, certain diseases have been successfully contained in the CNMI such as tetanus, which was last reported 13 years ago.

Apr. 26, 2005

Guerrero donates travel allowance for bus repair

A Board of Education member is willing to donate his travel funds to assist in the repair of Public School System buses reportedly vandalized by its occupants. Associate commissioner for administrative services David M. Borja said board member Herman T. Guerrero has pledged his travel allowance amounting to almost $8,000 to pay for the cost of replacing the upholstery of eight buses ripped and torn apart and in various stages of disrepair. Guerrero declared his assistance during the special BOE meeting at the Pacific Resources for Education and Learning Center at the Marianas High School Friday afternoon. Borja said he is very overwhelmed with the good intention of Guerrero who would help repair the cushions of the buses.

MPLA: Verizon can afford rent for underground cables

The bill prohibiting the Marianas Public Lands Authority from charging Verizon for underground cables is anti-indigenous and unconstitutional, MPLA officials told lawmakers yesterday. "[T]his anti-indigenous bill is constitutionally, economically, ethically, grammatically, and politically flawed, infirm, unreasonable, unfair, and it smells bad," MPLA said of House Bill 14-324. MPLA board members and the commissioner maintained that contrary to the bill's suggestion, the proposal to charge the Micronesian Telecommunications Corp. for burying cables in public lands would not drain the company's coffers.

Apr. 26, 2006

PA: Legislature overspent $60M bond

The government may need to scale down some uncompleted infrastructure projects and cancel other projects altogether, after the Legislature over-appropriated a $60-million bond floated in 2000, according to the Office of the Public Auditor. An OPA audit showed that the Legislature appropriated a total of $1.52 million in excess of the funds actually available from the bond. Public auditor Michael S. Sablan said this occurred because the CNMI Legislature did not have adequate procedures to determine an accurate balance of $60 million bond proceeds and interest income when it passed ten CIP appropriation acts from 2000 to 2004.

PSS' Waldo makes a case for tax increases

A government-employed accountant is lobbying government to consider raising tax rates, rather than cutting government expenditures. Richard Waldo, who works as finance director for the Public School System, appeared in a closed-door meeting of the House Ways and Means Committee to push for a tax increase as an alternative to lowering government expenditures. Waldo told the Saipan Tribune that his recommendation was strictly personal and should not be construed as any part of PSS policy. Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has repeatedly announced that he would not increase tax rates to generate more revenues for the cash-strapped government. He made his latest reaffirmation of this position in his State of the Commonwealth Address last Friday, April 21, 2006.

3 China market experts to speak at GVB symposium

TUMON, Guam—A number of distinguished experts have confirmed attendance at the Guam Visitors Bureau's "China Outbound Travel Market Symposium," to be held on May 22, 2013.

Coming to Guam for the symposium are:

■ Kate Chang, regional director for China, Pacific Asia Travel Organization, or PATA. Based in Beijing, Chang is the china director at PATA and has the goal of representing the interests of the Association in China, with particular focus on strengthening relationships with the public and private sectors of China's rapidly growing tourism industry. Chang has considerable private-sector experience in China and abroad in such areas as destination marketing, MICE and hotel marketing and sales.

■ Dr. Xinjun Wang, CEO of Ivy Alliance Tourism Consulting Co. Ltd. Wang is associated with the research and development of travel services and the outbound China travel industry, as a major drafter of China's outbound tourism policies and regulations during his tenure at the Department of Industry Management of the China National Tourism Administration. After a period at one of the largest travel service groups in China, Wang joined the Ivy Alliance Consultancy.

■ Ming Guo, chief operating officer of HH Travel; executive chairman of the TM Group. A former professor at the Beijing Institute of Tourism, Guo has been at the forefront of the development of the China tourism industry. Guo is a pioneer of the high-end tourism industry in China and has more than 20 years of experience in tourism services and management. Guo founded Trip TM in 2007, which specializes in international and domestic services and management for the customized private travel of influential and high end travelers.

Further details on additional speakers and panelists will be released in the near future.

"The presentations of Ms. Chang, Dr. Wang and Mr. Guo will cover a variety of topics related to understanding the China market," said GVB general manager Karl A. Pangelinan. "We know that the Chamorro culture and our island setting have much to offer the Chinese visitor and we look forward to valuable insight as we prepare for the coming development of this sector of the visitor industry for Guam."

According to travel trade information, travelers to islands place the highest importance on local food and cultural activities. Some 35 percent of tourists are interested in culinary festivals in island destinations, and 25 percent would like to experience local cultural activities.

The demand for island vacations by Chinese tourists is growing, with most tourists choosing Free Independent Travel. At present, favorite island destinations for Chinese tourists include the Maldives, Hawaii, Guam, Saipan, Fiji, Jeju in South Korea, Bali, the Seychelles, Mauritius, and Phuket and Koh Samui in Thailand.

PATA is supporting the symposium. Sponsors include United Airlines, DFS, Hyatt Regency Guam, Kloppenburg Enterprises, Inc. and Bank of Guam.

GVB hosted the first symposium in October 2010. This year, the symposium is scheduled for May 22, 2013, and will be a full-day event focused on how to maximize opportunities in welcoming increasing numbers of Chinese visitors by meeting their travel wants and needs. ***(GVB)***

China: The new No. 1 tourism source market in the world

Over the past decade China has been, and still is, by far the fastest-growing tourism source market in the world.

Thanks to rapid urbanization, rising disposable incomes and relaxation of restrictions on foreign travel, the volume of international trips by Chinese travelers has grown from 10 million in 2000 to 83 million in 2012. Expenditure by Chinese tourists abroad has also increased almost eightfold since 2000.

Boosted by an appreciating Chinese currency, Chinese travelers spent a record US$ 102 billion in international tourism in 2012, a 40-percent jump from 2011 when it amounted to US$73 billion.

With this sustained growth, China has become the largest spender in international tourism globally in 2012. In 2005 China ranked seventh in international tourism expenditure, and has since successively overtaken Italy, Japan, France and the United Kingdom. With the 2012 surge, China leaped to first place, surpassing both top spender Germany and second largest spender United States (both close to US$84 billion in 2012).

Some of the other emerging markets have also increased their share of world tourism spending over the past decade. Among the world's top 10 source markets by expenditure, the Russian Federation saw an increase of 32 percent in 2012, to US$43 billion, bringing it from the seventh to fifth place in the ranking of international tourism spending. Worth mentioning beyond the top 10 is Brazil, with an expenditure of US$22 billion in 2012, moving to 12th place up from 29th place in 2005.

"Emerging economies continue to lead growth in tourism demand" said UNWTO Secretary-General Taleb Rifai. "The impressive growth of tourism expenditure from China and Russia reflects the entry into the tourism market of a growing middle class from these countries, which will surely continue to change the map of world tourism."

Although the highest growth rates in expenditure abroad came from emerging economies, key traditional source markets, usually growing at a slower pace, also posted positive results. Spending on travel abroad from Germany and the USA grew by 6 percent each. Spending from the UK (US$52 billion) grew by 4 percent and the country retained its fourth place on the list of major source markets. Expenditure by Canada grew by 7 percent, while both Australia and Japan grew by 3 percent. ***(UN World Tourism Organization)***

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A stunning week

Everything is connected. Nothing takes place in isolation. Events cascade upon each other. The world is too much with us. Everyone knows everything, right now, even if it's wrong. Nobody knows anything.

What a stunning week this country has just endured. History eventually may sort it out, but now there is only grief and dislocation.

Bombs exploded at the Boston Marathon last Monday, Patriot's Day in the Hub City. By Friday, an entire American city had been locked down, an all-out manhunt was underway for a doe-eyed "sweetheart" and the perpetual unrest in the Caucasus may have crossed the ocean.

A fertilizer plant that may not have been inspected in 28 years blew up in Texas, which likes its capitalism unfettered. At least a dozen firefighters and first-responders died. Government employees and volunteers. Around the nation, heroes were not in short supply. Some wore uniforms. Some wore running shorts. Some wore scrubs splattered in blood.

An Elvis impersonator sent letters laced with ricin to the president and a U.S. senator. His family said he had mental problems. If he'd wanted to buy an AK-47 at a gun show, nobody would have checked him out.

Nor would they have anytime soon. A minority of the U.S. Senate killed expanded gun-sales background checks supported by the Senate majority and 90 percent of Americans.

Eight members of the Senate did manage to come up with an immigration reform plan that could gain passage, at least in one chamber of Congress. It contains an onerous "path to citizenship" which House Republicans may see as amnesty and which Hispanic voters may see as punitive.

On social media, it seemed anyone who'd ever been to Boston or run in a marathon felt compelled to share his feelings. President Barack Obama made an angry speech about guns and one of his elegiac post-disaster speeches in Boston. He's had to become all too good at them.

The news media covered all of this relentlessly. Fact and rumor went head to head. Too often rumor won. Former cops, former FBI agents and former Homeland Security experts crowded TV studios, cashing in. Rudy Giuliani was there, of course. One of the experts identified Chechnya as part of the Balkans. Everyone knows everything, nobody knows anything.

Ten, 20, 30 years from now, we suspect the Senate's gun vote will be seen as the most historically significant event of the week. The gun lobby may have overreached. The backlash has begun. Background checks for mental health and criminal records do not threaten Second Amendment rights. When the nation has reasonable gun restrictions, the Senate's vote on Wednesday may be seen as where they started.

Similarly, the nation someday will reform its immigration laws. The inadequate proposal of the Senate's "Gang of Eight" may be where it starts. It's significant that no state has borne a bigger share of the burden of today's immigration policies than Arizona, and both of its Republican senators, John McCain and Jeff Flake, are in the gang. Politically, this won't do much for Republicans' problems with Hispanic voters, but it's a start.

By the grim calculus of sheer carnage, the West, Texas, fertilizer plant explosion was a bigger disaster than Boston: Four times as many fatalities, as least as many injuries. Texas has a long and horrible record of industrial disasters. If early reports of inadequate regulation and inspection at the West plant are correct, Congress will be complicit for gutting the budget of

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Even more health tips

By RUSS MASON, M.S.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

For the better part of a decade, Russ Mason wrote for a medical journal, Alternative & Complementary Therapies. *His principal assignment was to interview a physician or other health care practitioner about new and important treatments, as well as diet and nutrition. Prior to that, he worked at NBC in New York for 16 years, often as a writer for their television programs.*

Recently, Gov. Eloy S. Inos put forward a list of NCD's (non-communicable diseases) for which he wanted the CHC to implement a prevention program. One of the diseases mentioned was osteoporosis, which afflicts a large number of older citizens.

Basically, osteoporosis is the loss of bone density (low bone mass), and an increased frequency of broken bones. The National Osteoporosis Foundation has come up with some prevention guidelines and they are worth sharing with you.

"Osteoporosis is avoidable for many of those at risk. By maintaining a diet rich in calcium and vitamin D, doing regular weight-bearing and muscle-strengthening exercises, and by following medical treatments as prescribed, the millions at risk for osteoporosis can protect their bones," said Amy Porter, executive director and CEO, National Osteoporosis Foundation.

"While family health history may account for a significant percentage of your risk for osteoporosis, many of the bone breaks that occur each year can be avoided through better prevention practices."

One thing Amy left out was the importance of taking a vitamin K-2 (5mg) supplement, in addition to calcium (1,000mg daily) and vitamin D-3 (5,000iu's daily). Vitamin K-2 helps move the calcium into the bone tissue, making it stronger and more resilient. Without the K-2 some of the calcium may be misdirected. Also to be taken is magnesium (500mg), since magnesium helps the absorption of calcium in the human body.

The weight bearing activities are also a very good suggestion. Osteoporosis can indeed be prevented, but you have to start the weight-bearing activities, as well as taking the supplements, while you and your bones are fairly healthy.

I once heard a song title that I liked: "It ain't no sin to take off your skin, and get up and dance in your bones."

An ideal diet

I have been fairly insistent about which food to avoid (white rice, white bread, anything with sugar in it, and any processed meat), but I haven't provided any suggestions about good things to eat. So here are a few.

Nearly every doctor I interviewed said that the best breakfast one could eat was two eggs. They are nutrient-dense and are a great way to start the day. They also said that black coffee was fine, as was a piece of whole-grain toast with butter (no jam) and that most prepared juices were to be avoided, with the sole exception of tomato or vegetable juice (such as V8). That is because tomato and vegetable juices are low in sugar.

Another helpful tip: whole grains and citrus fruits/juices do not digest well together. A lot of people like orange juice with their breakfast. I do too. If you drink orange juice, then skip the toast or cereal. Keep the eggs.

The best lunches consist of fresh vegetables (not cooked) and good soup. This meal not only provides excellent nourishment, but won't weigh you down for the rest of the day. If you buy canned soup, try to find ones without much sodium (salt). Progresso and Healthy Choice soups are pretty good, and I think Campbell's makes some low-salt varieties.

A good way to eat fresh vegetables (lettuce, celery, onions, tomatoes, carrots, parsley) is in a salad. If you make a salad, avoid commercial salad dressings. Olive oil and apple cider vinegar make a fine dressing. Also, squeezing a lemon over the salad is also good. Lemon juice is especially tasty with fresh black pepper, if you are blessed with a peppermill.

Here is a little lunch I like. Take a medium size, ripe, tomato. Cut it into slices, not too thick. Then fan them out, drizzle with olive oil, and pinch on some sweet basil flakes. The basil gives them a great little kick. Sometimes people insert slices of fresh mozzarella cheese between the tomato slices. (I am drooling now).

What I have done lately is to buy a small container of hummus ($2.95). Its ingredients are mashed chick peas, blended with tahini, olive oil, lemon juice, salt, and garlic. It's yummy, especially the one with garlic.

You can use it as a dip, with celery pieces, or carrots, or even some good whole-grain crackers, such as Triscuits. This also is a great lunch, along with a bowl of soup. The best beverages: water or cool tea.

The best dinner consists of chicken, fish, seafood, or a lean cut of pork or beef. Try to keep the portion to 4 ounces. It's not all that much but so many people overdo it that moderation is advised. Nobody needs to eat a 16-oz. steak.

One of the best vegetables are the locally-grown yams. They are maybe the ugliest vegetable I have ever seen. They look hairy. Clean them, chop them into thumb-size pieces and boil them until they are tender. Then garnish with butter, salt, pepper, garlic powder and some chopped parsley. They are wonderful, and are better for you than potatoes.

We are blessed with a lot of fresh local produce. Almost any vegetable, steamed, with butter, salt and pepper, is delicious and good for you. Two vegetables (yams and broccoli) is a great combination if you are having chicken or fish.

Dessert: fresh fruit. We have so many great fruits around here that the choices are dizzying. Mangoes, papaya, soursop (potent anti-cancer properties), melons. Keep the portion size moderate. Bear in mind that all fruit is best eaten separately, and not combined with other foods.

If you must eat cake, pie, or ice cream, have it once a week as a special treat.

Microwave ovens

The debate about the safety of microwave ovens has been raging for more than a decade. I have had one for a while, and I mostly used it to boil water quickly.

On the computer, I searched for "dangers of microwave ovens" and one of my favorite doctors, Dr. Mercola, had a lengthy page about the subject.

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Chinese Breeze: First impressions of The Third Eye

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Here are a couple of items rooted in last week's column, and I think you'll see the common theme: (1) The Chinese, according to a recent report on CNN, are now the world's top-spending tourists, and (2) I ordered some Chinese books called "readers" to help along my Mandarin Chinese studies.

If you're looking for opportunities in Mariana Islands tourism there are a few languages worth studying. Among them, Mandarin is a candidate worth considering.

Anyway, the readers arrived in the mail a few days ago. I think I'm onto something good here, so I'm going to share my first impression.

The three books I got are from the Chinese Breeze (Hanyu Feng) series, published by the Peking University Press. The series, launched in 2007, is supposed to comprise eight levels, ranging from 300-word vocabularies (Level 1) to 4,500-word vocabularies (Level 8). Only books from the first three levels are available now, so I'm hoping that the rest of the series is fleshed out eventually.

Each book cost me about $10 once shipping costs were heaped in. I think the books are available in China for a lot less than that; the cover price is 16 yuan, or about $2.59.

The books are more like "booklets." The three I bought range from 76 pages to 78 pages long. So they are basically novellas for students of Chinese.

All the books have a good layout. The Chinese characters are in big, easy to read fonts, and the page margins are generously sized which makes it easy to scrawl notes near the text. The margins also carry an unobtrusive number marking every fifth line for reference.

I'm still on my first selection of the three books, this one called The Third Eye, a whodunit about catching a thief who preys on airline passengers.

I thought I could just breeze through the book in an afternoon, but when it comes to me and Chinese, nothing is ever easy.

Although I'm familiar with the characters (script) in the book, the way the characters are strung together to form words and phrases requires some study. So, while I can read the text aloud to someone, I don't always get the gist until things are explained to me. Of course, that's the entire point of a "reader." It gives us hands-on context so we can piece together, and test drive, the elements we learned in classes and texts.

I thumbed through my Chinese Breeze books and none seem to have complete Chinese to English glossaries, which would have been a useful feature. However, they all have brief lists of some highlighted vocabulary. They have brief quizzes on the chapters, though often in a font smaller than the easy-to-read main text.

Each book came with an audio CD of the text being read aloud. I tested out the files for The Third Eye. The files are in mp3 format and come in two sets, one read slow, and one read at a faster, normal-speech pace. This is a user-friendly touch, since cultivating an ear for Chinese is not easy for many of us. The audio quality is excellent, a point worth noting since many other instructional audio files out there are well-intentioned but not well-produced.

Overall, then, my first impression of the Chinese Breeze series is highly favorable. I don't know if the series will ever be fully completed and the promised eight levels produced, so I guess we'll just wait and see.

On a more abstract note, one of the daunting things about Chinese literacy is that it's a long, long way from being a beginner to being able to read casual material that allows for practice and improvement. In other words, it's hard to get enough speed so you can fly on your own.

It's easy to get stuck in never-never land. I'll never be able to read a newspaper or magazine, so the newsstand is not an option. But on the other hand I'm not nearly motivated enough to endure another weighty textbook, more classroom writing assignments, and more grammar lessons; no, not that, please, anything but that!

So the promise of the Chinese Breeze series is that it bridges the gap between the oftentimes dry academic stuff and the engaging, but too advanced, newsstand media. It's a giant gap to fill, so it would seem to be a correspondingly ripe niche for a publisher willing to see things from a student's point of view. I think Chinese Breeze understands that point of view, so I'm looking forward to digging into these books further.

Bankrupt Fund will close March 2014

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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With the recent repeal of "corresponding contributions," defined benefit and defined contributions, the Retirement Fund is basically dead set for bankruptcy by March 2014 or earlier. I'm not trying to stoke fear among retirees. Bad tidings it may be, it is real reality and the Fund's ship is well on its way to disintegrating against the largest fiscal reef up ahead.

The impending economic disaster would be the worst of any we've seen over the last four decades. It's the net result of the obvious shirking of fiduciary responsibility to domesticate an impending fiscal implosion for over 35 years. And we thought we've slaughtered the beast.

Unfortunately, the twin-headed marshland snake returns time and again to haunt us. In spite of the complexity of the issues, politicians are quick to offer fiscally devastating answers premised on "feel good" solutions, shallow in every respect.

Incompetence persists

But then the *ignis fatuus* only adds to our fiscal miseries. Are they aware of the fallacies of their woefully shortsighted solutions? But then the recommended temporary solution usually turns "temporary-permanent" as we tinker at the eleventh hour, ad hoc problem solving now the new norm.

The NMI Retirement Fund was never funded since its establishment over 35 years ago. Either our elected officials knew the monstrosity they have created and treated it with a ten-foot pole or aren't sure just what the beast is all about. In fact, politicians topped the list of imposing excess baggage that drained the scarce fund of the program from A-Z. It's admirable, though, their determination to ensure that the Fund is insolvent! And they've succeeded, royally, too!

At one point we had two plans: defined benefit and defined contribution plans. The first was repealed to lessen the obligation in employer's contribution that comprised more than half of the $375 million debt owed the Fund. The repeal of this plan triggered members to withdraw their contributions, the net effect being far less members to cushion what's known as "corresponding contribution." Essentially, it is this money that pays the pension of retirees. Gone!

The defined benefit plan has taken a slide for years, hiding its growing internal deficits with accounting tricks. But at some point, the funding gap becomes too big to disguise—which is what has happened recently. How bad is this problem? NMI owes the Fund some $375 million! You're talking 4,000-plus members whose pension checks require some $65 million annually.

Plan A: CDA loan; Plan B?

Caveat: Both plans have severed "corresponding contribution" for both employees and employer. It means the definite and cataclysmic closure of the Fund by March of 2014, if not earlier. Floating a pension obligation bond with CDA may be a temporary pit stop but even this option requires some serious procedure.

What if this option fails? Do we have a "Plan B?"

Policymakers have come up with another "feel good" answer: Have the Commonwealth Development Authority issue a pension obligation bond. It's an answer where the public would be required to bail out the Fund where politicians have failed. It's an answer that isn't an answer either but a re-establishment of the same haunting debt.

Assuming that we succeeded with CDA as the last pit stop for delusional resolution, it still means that whatever is loaned instantly turns into a debt that must be paid. What's the interest rate in dollar figure we must pay off? This is far from my definition of neither "corresponding contribution" nor "revenue generation."

Deeper economic devastation 2014

The Fund requires an annual infusion of some $65 million. Simple math tells in clear fashion the dim days ahead for retirees and their families. Deduct 80 percent of the projected $120 million in revenues for fiscal year 2014. It leaves some $40 million for "all others." It presents a contest for mad scramble among agencies, including infusion of debt owed the Fund.

Now, let's take a quick glimpse at the impending ripple effects when the Fund goes belly up. It means the 4,000-plus retirees will no longer see their pension checks in their bank accounts.

It means the involuntary bleeding of family pocketbooks for food and basic family necessities, healthcare costs, help for kids in colleges and universities abroad, utility bills, gasoline, first family home, among others. It means some $65 million disappearing from any further recycling in the local economy. Doomsday?

Even the perceptual view of the impending familial fiscal calamity is unbearable. Yet we see policymakers taking trips abroad, mindless of the seriousness of the Fund's fate. Appalling the open recklessness!

Resurgence of wisdom

Steve Forbes explained in a recent address why a confluence of cheap credit, billions of dollars in stimulus spending, lots of new taxes on "rich people," and a growing-by-the-second government debt have all failed to stimulate the national economy.

He was confirming what many of us instinctively knew in our hearts: the reality that no organization—no individual or family, no business, no government—can spend its way out of debt and redistribute its way to prosperity. It seems, however, that we didn't merely "stand for it"—we asked for "more of it." Dangerous!

But here is our reality: if Americans continue to ignore their government, or blindly accept the promises of politicians, if Americans continue to vote (either blindly or intentionally) for politicians who viciously take expanding portions of wealth away from our society's producers, and then selfishly redistribute that wealth to the people of their choosing, eventually the producers will stop producing as much wealth, the politicians will run out of other's people's money to redistribute, and we will all suffer the consequences, just like so many Europeans are suffering.

The social disorder and collapse is cataclysmic. We need to choose more wisely. We need a resurgence of wisdom in America (NMI included), and we need to understand the frail nature of our freedom.

STUNNING

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the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Firefighters shouldn't have to die in the name of laissez-faire capitalism.

But Boston had the optics, a terrible tragedy caught on hundreds of cameras in the midst of a civic celebration. Boston had the specter of terrorism. Boston had the drama of a manhunt and siege laid in the East Coast media heartland.

Loath though we are not to join in media specul-a-rama, but there is no way to predict its long term repercussions. Not enough is known of motive and who else might be culpable. This could be a pair of screwed-up young men unable to understand life's complexities, like the guy who sent the ricin letters.

If so, we've seen that before, at Columbine and Virginia Tech, Tucson, Aurora and Newtown. It could be an act of religious terrorism, like Fort Hood, Texas, Oak Creek, Wisc., or the 9/11 attacks.

Which is part of the trouble: The nation can barely keep up with the procession of horrors, much less absorb them, much less prescribe thoughtful remedies. We thus are easily led by people with money and agendas. Here we are talking about the National Rifle Association, among others.

People in our business, the news business, must do their jobs better, lest the duty of covering tragedies become confused with infotainment.

As a nation, we must care for each other, the way the people of Boston and central Texas, cared for each other. The thing is, we can't wait for next time. We need to start right now.

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The Weather

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼76°	▲88° ▼76°	▲88° ▼76°

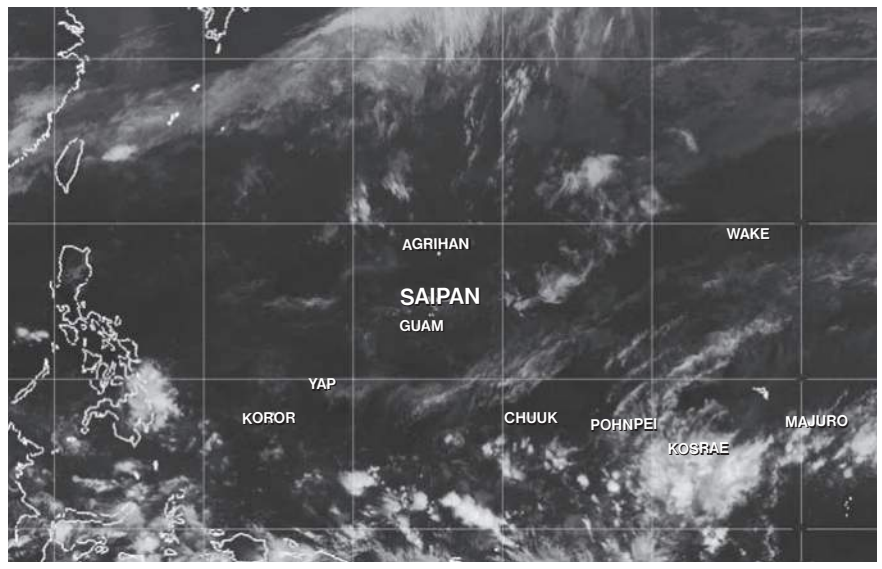
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲89	▼82
Palau	Showers	▲88	▼76
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲91	▼77
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼80
Pohnpei	Cloudy	▲86	▼79
Kosrae	Cloudy	▲86	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲69	▼62
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲75	▼50
Hong Kong	Showers	▲73	▼73
Honolulu	Sunny	▲83	▼72
London	Showers	▲54	▼39
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲72	▼58
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲93	▼83
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼59
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼73
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲64	▼46
Osaka	Sunny	▲65	▼49
Paris	Cloudy	▲57	▼44
Pusan	Windy	▲65	▼54
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼60
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲78	▼47
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼51
Seoul	Showers	▲63	▼49
Tokyo	Sunny	▲67	▼49
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲68	▼50

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A shear line extends from north of Wake Island at 25N169E to about 22N157E. Scattered showers are found along and up to 200 miles north of this boundary. A trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers east of Wake Island between 16N and 20N from 169E to 180. A near-equatorial trough stretches eastward from 3N130E to EQ150E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring south of a line from 4N139E to 1N150E well south of Yap and Guam. Trade-wind convergence is triggering isolated thunderstorms south of Chuuk between 4N and 6N from 149E to 155E. A trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between 1N and 6N from 159E to 167E including Kosrae. Another trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms within 150 miles either side of a line from 4N170E to 7N180 including Majuro.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

2:49 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet
8:17 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
3:12 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet
9:48 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:56 AM	6:33 PM
Saturday	5:56 AM	6:34 PM
Sunday	5:55 AM	6:34 PM
Monday	5:55 AM	6:34 PM
Tuesday	5:54 AM	6:34 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	7:03 PM	5:57 AM
Saturday	8:05 PM	6:51 AM
Sunday	9:08 PM	7:49 AM
Monday	10:09 PM	8:50 AM
Tuesday	11:07 PM	9:52 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF APRIL 4, 2013

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:30pm	7:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

0Z608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

0Z606	2:20am	6:00am	1
0Z606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
0Z604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)

SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

0Z606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
0Z606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:20pm	Daily via NRT
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
0Z604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

0Z606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
0Z606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
0Z604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5062	3:45am	4:20am	1, 5
UA5038	11:15am	11:50am	6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:15pm	12:45am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

0Z607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

0Z603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
0Z605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	7
0Z605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	1, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN

SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

PR110/UA5072	7:55am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL172/288	8:05am	12:45am+1	Daily via NRT
UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
0Z702/605	12:15pm	1:40am+1	7 via ICN
0Z702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
0Z704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

0Z746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
0Z722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:05am+1	3, 6 GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air.

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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EDITORIAL

Your digital afterlife: Social media policies, state laws call shots

The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune *on Monday, April 22:*

Google has launched a settings feature that allows people to specify what happens to their accounts after a long period of "inactivity"—meaning, their death.

Google users can set an expiration date for their accounts—three, six, nine or 12 months—and allow trusted contacts to download specific data from accounts once the time has passed.

For example, you could give your spouse access to your photos and Google Plus profile, and give a colleague your contact list and shared documents.

Settings can be changed at any time. It's wise to keep this information current so your private files don't fall into the hands of a vengeful ex or a resentful former coworker.

Facebook, Twitter and other social networking sites don't make end-of-life planning so easy. Facebook will not disclose login information to family and friends of a dead person unless it receives a court order. Loved ones can request to memorialize a page—that is, friends can still write on the person's wall and browse photos, but no one can sign in to the account. All messages are sealed.

Verified family members can request that a Facebook page be deleted. But if there is no consensus on what to do with the account, it can create a rift in the family. Some families and friends find solace in visiting the Facebook page of someone they've lost. Some argue that it's better to remove the page.

Twitter will work with an executor of the estate or an immediate family member to deactivate an account. That requires a copy of the death certificate and a signed statement that explains the relationship of the person making the request.

There are plenty of cases, though, in which people don't know all the social media monikers used by a family member. Many parents have no idea their children use Twitter, Tumblr, Foursquare or Instagram—much less what they are. They're not likely to spend time tracking down accounts and contacting social networking sites.

No, this isn't the highest priority when someone dies. But social media sites can help survivors make this unfortunate task a little easier.

Five states have enacted laws that authorize the transfer of a deceased person's digital assets to the executor or manager of the estate. Connecticut and Rhode Island's laws apply only to email. Indiana's law applies to any electronically stored documents, while Oklahoma and Idaho include social media.

But the better approach is for the social media companies to adopt privacy policies that are similar to Google's. People could determine exactly who will get what—just as they do in a will.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Paint the roads

A major role of local government is to ensure the safety of its people. The CNMI government has many places to focus where it should spend money; we all hope that it should be used for high priority items. The resources of the CNMI have not been enough to meet the basic needs of the people in most respects. This letter suggests a simple, inexpensive way to improve the safety of the people and to let them know that now we have new management running the islands. Painting the roads would be a visible way to demonstrate that change is coming; that the government is concerned for the people by making our roads safer for all who use them everyday. Let me explain.

There is only one road on Saipan that meets all safety standards. Most of our roads have no center line, no edge line, no traffic lanes at major intersections, no turn arrows, no lines to stop behind and no crossing markings. If you have ever driven on our roads at night and possibly in the rain you know what I am talking about. Sometimes it is difficult to know what direction the road heads, or where your car/truck is positioned on the road. I fear that it is only a matter of time before one of us is killed because the roads are not safe.

Paint is inexpensive, workers are available and need jobs, the capital equipment is available, let's paint the roads for safety and our self-esteem to have something that looks new on the oslands. The one safe road that we do have looks good and makes driving safer. I would like to have all of our paved roads look the same. It should not be a big deal to do the paint job that I hope for, it might save a life by preventing a traffic accident! How much is that worth?

Frank Stewart
Capital Hill, Saipan

HEALTH

From Page 10

The bottom line is, don't use a microwave oven to cook foods, or even to reheat foods. The microwaves change the molecular structure of the food, and this not only renders them useless, but potentially dangerous. This is also true for warming baby's formula: use the stove instead.

If you use a microwave oven in your house, I encourage you to do your own research. There are far more articles discouraging the use of microwave ovens than are supportive of them.

Regardless, with anything that "iffy" related to my health, I am going to be cautious. This means using the stove, the toaster-oven and the kettle—not the microwave. I thought my microwave oven was my friend. It is not.

By the way…I hope to see *you* at the MMAC march this Friday evening at Hopwood. The fun starts at 6pm and goes all night long. Come out and support the fundraising efforts of the Commonwealth Cancer Association.

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Stanker is new Law Revision Commission executive director

On April 15, 2013, Michael A. Stanker was named executive director of the Law Revision Commission. He replaces Heather L. Kennedy, who moved to the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands.

Stanker, licensed to practice law in California and temporarily admitted in the CNMI, was previously with the Office of the Attorney General.

Stanker came to the Commonwealth in 2009 as a law clerk for the CNMI Supreme Court. Prior to law school he was a business analyst for Washington Mutual in their fraud division.

Stanker graduated from Santa Clara University's School of Law. He is married with a son.

Stanker's responsibilities as the executive director of the Law Revision Commission include

Stanker

codification of public laws, administrative regulations, and creating a reporter system for CNMI Supreme Court cases.

Stanker is excited about his new role, saying, "I look forward to continuing to provide the CNMI community with access to CNMI laws and legal publications. I encourage community members to contact the Law Revision Commission about ways to enhance our products and improve access to the Commonwealth's laws through our website."

Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro said: "Michael was one of the Supreme Court's best law clerks. He gained the respect of the CNMI and Guam Supreme Court justices, and when he left the Court, the Guam justices expressed interest in hiring him based on his work with them while they sat as justice pro tems in the Commonwealth. I am thrilled to have him back in the Judiciary."

The Law Revision Commission has numerous CNMI legal publications available. For more information, visit www.cnmi-law.org or call 236-9820. ***(NMI Judiciary)***

AlumKnight Cabreros lands job with IBM

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REPORTER

A former student of Mount Carmel School who belongs to the AlumKnights Class of 2010 has landed a job with IBM.

Armalene B. Cabreros recently graduated from Neumont University in South Jordan, Utah, with a bachelor's degree in computer science. She is the daughter of Armando and Madelein Cabreros.

Cabreros completed her degree in a record two and a half years. She described this period as tough but the industry knowledge, industry connections, and diligence she gained made the journey worth it.

MCS president Galvin Deleon Guerrero said the institution is proud of Cabreros' achievement and they knew that she would go far and succeed.

Cabreros

Landing a job with IBM fresh out of college, according to him, is just one of Cabreros' many achievements. While at Mount Carmel, Cabreros was very active in the Theatre Club, Forensics, and student leadership activities.

Cabreros accepted the job offer from IBM Tririga, IBM's web-faced facilities management software, during her final quarter at Neumont. She will work there as a software engineer.

When asked about her experience at Neumont University, Cabreros noted that it "is definitely not your traditional university." "We're a community of computer geeks obsessed with technological optimization and playing video games—and that's what makes the culture amazing."

In particular, Cabreros appreciated the accelerated pace of the university. She said Neumont specializes in technology-oriented degrees such as computer science, business operations technology management, software and game development, and much more.

"After 70 weeks of hardcore learning, you get the chance to work with university industry partners for the last 30. Right out of college, you've got a great foundation in software and industry experience," she added.

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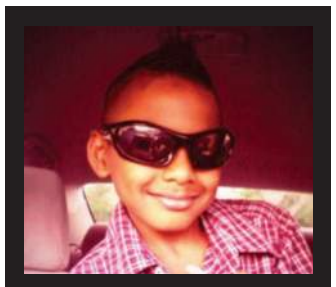

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT
Happy 9th birthday to our boy Riley James, (RJ)! Enjoy your special day and many more to come. May the Lord continue to guide you as you grow older. We love you very much! Love, Mommy, Auntie Mo, Andy, and the Magofna Sablan family.
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Delta Air Lines upgrades lineup of products, services

Steven Crowdey, general manager, Delta Air Lines Micronesia, Philippines, and Australia, visited Saipan on April 17 to strengthen further the airline's relationship with local business partners and to share recent developments at Delta focusing on upgrades in the area of customer experience.

"Delta Air Lines has been investing more than $3 billion in enhanced global products, services and airport facilities through 2015. The capital investment will improve the consistency and level of service provided to customers," Crowdey said. "We would like to highlight some of the changes which would be welcomed by our important customers in Saipan."

Delta is investing more than $3 billion in airport facilities and global products, services and technology to enhance the customer experience in the air and on the ground. The investment started in 2010, and it will continue through 2015. Below are the updates on each investment.

BusinessElite®

Delta has completed the installation of full flat-bed seats in the BusinessElite cabin of all Boeing 747-400, 777, 767-300ER and 767-400ER, aircraft types.

In addition, the new Westin Heavenly In-Flight bedding product will be available on all BusinessElite® International flights, as well as BusinessElite flights between New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport and Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle and between Atlanta and Honolulu, beginning in June 2013. BusinessElite customers will receive a Westin Heavenly sleeping pillow and a comforter with extra luxurious loft. Passengers on flights over 12 hours also will receive a lumbar pillow.

Delta is likewise making investments in several other products and services to revamp the in-flight sleep experience. These include a white noise channel on Delta Radio, and new BusinessElite amenity kits featuring Tumi and Malin+Goetz products.

Customers flying from Saipan to U.S. mainland will enjoy daily convenient service to Narita (with a smaller aircraft, Boeing 757) and easy connection in wide-body aircraft to eight gateways in the U.S. mainland. During this trans-Pacific flight, customers will experience full BusinessElite service along with new amenities mentioned above.

Economy Class

The cabin overhaul includes upgraded seats in the Economy cabin with personal entertainment in every seat. The airline's entire Trans-pacific international wide-body fleet will receive the full aircraft modification in both cabins by the June 2013.

Crowdey

Customers may also experience premium economy section —"Economy Comfort"—on all long-haul international flights. Passengers will be able to choose Economy Comfort seats for an additional fee and enjoy additional leg room, recline, early boarding and complimentary spirits throughout the flight.

Technology

The brand new, redesigned Fly Delta app for iPhone was also released with the ability to book tickets and other features including integration with Passbook and iPhone 5 features. The Fly Delta app for Android will be updated in early 2013. The Fly Delta app has been downloaded more than 5.5 million times and includes popular tools such as those for flight check-in, eBoarding pass access, changing seat assignments, tracking the upgrade list, tracking and paying for bags, receiving alerts for updated travel information, viewing airport and aircraft details and setting a parking reminder.

The new delta.com design features a new *My Delta* section, which consolidates trip summaries, account details, personal preferences, payment information and travel settings in a single location. Additional website enhancements will be available through a series of scheduled deployments in the first half of 2013.

In addition, Delta currently operates the world's largest Wi-Fi equipped fleet and will be providing international Wi-Fi service in the near future. By 2015, the airline will have approximately 1,000 Wi-Fi equipped aircraft.

Terminal Upgrades

Six airport enhancement projects are currently underway across the U.S. In May 2012, the new facility opened at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. As Delta becomes the leading airline in New York, Delta just completed the $160 million renovation and expansion at La Guardia Airport to support 100 new daily departures. A $1.2 billion expansion of Terminal 4 at New York-JFK is underway creating a state-of –the-art facility to open in May 2013.

Delta's facilities in Los Angeles International Airport Terminal 5 are being renewed. The $229-million construction project has begun and is scheduled to take place in several phases with full completion in 2015.

Delta Sky Club

Over the last 24 months, Delta has opened or renovated 13 clubs across the Delta system in cities including Atlanta, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Minneapolis-St. Paul, New York, Philadelphia and Seattle.

Sky Deck

Delta has partnered with *Architectural Digest* to develop the airline's first-ever outdoor airport terraces, called The Sky Deck at Delta Sky Club in Concourse F of Atlanta's new international terminal and in New York's redeveloped Terminal 4 at John F. Kennedy International Airport. Renowned designer Thom Filicia was selected by *Architectural Digest* to create distinctive spaces that will be extensions of the Delta Sky Clubs.

Building not just a bigger but a better airline

For the full year 2012, Delta net income grew by 30 percent and reduced debt by $5.3 billion from 2009. Delta enjoys not only financial success but also an exceptional 2012 operational performance. Investments in operation, combined with the dedication of the employees, produced a 99.5 percent completion factor, an 86.5 percent on-time arrival rate, and a 40 percent drop in customer complaints.

Fuel strategy - refinery purchase

Delta's investment in the Trainer Oil Refinery is progressing well. With the official closing of the Trainer purchase, Delta immediately began working to restart the refinery and improve the infrastructure to make jet fuel. This move has received praise from observers such as Fitch Ratings that called it an "innovative approach" to managing fuel prices.

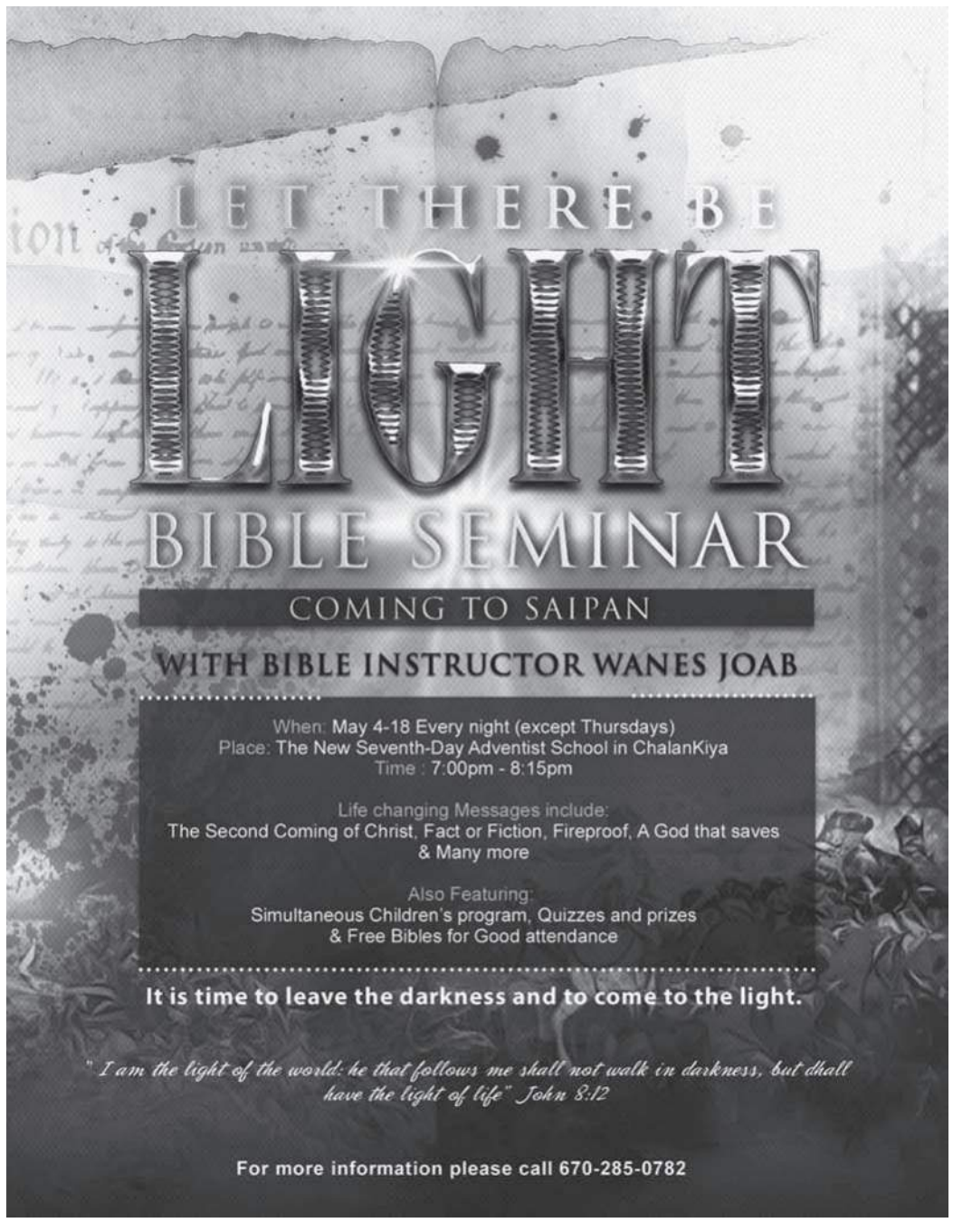
New partners

Delta and Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide partnered on a "crossover" loyalty program in which elite-level travelers simultaneously receive benefits and earn points across both companies' programs, effective March 1, 2013. The collaboration with Westin parent Starwood includes "Westin Heavenly In-Flight Bedding" product offered to all international customers on Business Elite and select domestic flights beginning this summer.

Delta and Virgin Atlantic have filed DOT to create a trans-Atlantic joint venture on flights between North America and the United Kingdom. Delta invested $360 million for the joint venture.

World's Most Admired

Fortune magazine has ranked Delta the most admired airline in its World's Most Admired Companies airline industry list. This is the second time in three years that Delta has been named the most admired airline. ***(Delta)***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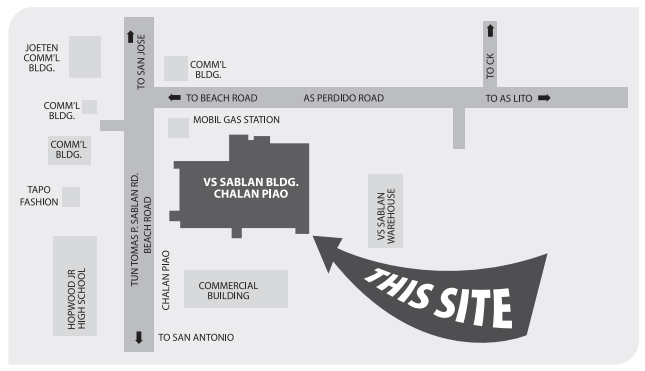

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Korean air force academy cadets visit peace memorial

The 94 officers and cadets of the Republic of Korea Air Force Academy have their picture taken at the Pacific War Korean Memorial Peace Tower.
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A total of 94 officers and cadets from the 62nd class of the Republic of Korea Air Force Academy led by Brig. Gen. Yong Jae Cha arrived on island Wednesday for a ceremony that marks the establishment of a new memorial by the Pacific War Korean Memorial Peace Tower in Marpi.

The new memorial was created in honor of the Korean soldiers and other victims of World War II.

"We pledge to defend our people from the same tragedy through our unconquerable air power. May your noble spirits rest in peace," the memorial states.

Cha, through his interpreter, 1st Lt. Hyun Ho Park, said many of their ancestors were brought to Saipan when Korea was colonized by Japan.

Their passing, he said, is a reminder for them to do everything they can to prevent the horrors of war from happening again.

Cha said their group's visit aims to teach the cadets how precious freedom is and the concept of national defense.

"This event will be recorded in their hearts and in the Korean community," he said in an interview.

According to Cha, the group pushed through with their trip despite the threats from North Korea since they have already planned for it several months ago.

Cha said their visit is also to assure South Koreans living in the CNMI that the situation in their home country is "not extreme" and that the government has it under control.

"We are ready to protect the peace in the Korean peninsula," he told reporters.

Wednesday's ceremony was attended by island dignitaries, including Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, Saipan Mayor Donald G. Flores, and Marianas Visitors Authority representative Bruce Bateman.

Cha noted that their maiden visit to Saipan also seeks to strengthen U.S.-Korean relations, adding that they intend to make the ceremony at the Marpi memorial a regular event, if time and the situation permits.

The group, handled by the Korean Community of Saipan during their stay, is expected to fly back to Korea today, April 26.

Free lifeguard training swim test

The American Red Cross will conduct a prerequisite swim test at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool, Marpi, on Saturday, April 27, from 2pm to 3pm for lifeguarding. All participants are encouraged to be at the pool site 15 minutes prior to the test.

Prerequisite:

1. Must be 15 years old on or before the final scheduled session of this course.

2. Swim 300 yards continuously demonstrating breath control and rhythmic breathing. Candidates may swim using the front crawl, breaststroke or a combination of both but swimming on the back or side is not allowed. Swim goggles may be used.

3. Tread water for two minutes using only the legs. Candidates should place their hands under the armpits.

4. Complete a timed event within 1 minute, 40 seconds.

■ Starting in the water, swim 20 yards. The face may be in or out of the water. Swim goggles are not allowed.

■ Surface dive, feet-first or head-first, to a depth of 7 to 10 feet to retrieve a 10-pound object.

■ Return to the surface and swim 20 yards on the back to return to the starting point with both hands holding the object and keeping the face at or near the surface so they are able to get a breath. Candidates should not swim the distance under water. Exit the water without using a ladder or steps.

For more information on lifeguarding, visit www.redcross.org/take-a-class/program-highlights/lifeguarding. For all other inquiries, contact the chapter at 234-3459 or email nmichapter@redcross.org. ***(ARC)***

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-13-019
SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF ENGINE LUBE OILS FOR POWER GENERATION

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the supply and delivery of engine lubricating oils for CUC Power Generation facilities on Saipan and Rota for the period starting August 01, 2013 through August 30, 2017.

The RFP package may be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one set from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **May 7, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-13-019, Supply & Delivery Of Engine Lube Oils for Power Generation"*, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **May 23, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The Proposal Price shall remain the same throughout the term of the contract except for the variation in the MOPS and government taxes, duties and fees.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All questions or request for clarification must be submitted in writing no later than **May 10, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Wallon Young, CUC Deputy Director for Power via email wallon59@yahoo.com and Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email charles_warren@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ ALAN W. FLETCHER
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled on **Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan.** The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call
- c. Adoption of Agenda
- d. Adoption of Minutes
  - i. Thursday, February 7, 2013 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
III. BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 82 & 83
IV. CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- a. Division Monthly Reports
- b. Update on NMHC's Bank Signatories
- c. Signatories for NMHC Documents
- d. Proposals for REOs
- e. DPS Request for Garapan Unit
- f. Update on LIHTC Program - 2013
- g. Update on USDA RD Guaranty and Plan of Action
- h. Update on CDBG Matters
- i. Update on NSP3
- j. Update on Program and Housing Division Matters
  - 1. Amendments to the Admin. Plan
  - 2. FSS Action Plan
- k. Update on Mortgage & Credit Division Matters
  - 1. Loans for Review and Approval

V. FIELD OFFICE REPORTS
- a. Rota Field Office
- b. Tinian Field Office

VI. FISCAL AFFAIRS
- a. Unaudited Financial Statements as of March 31, 2013
- b. Actual vs. Budget Comparison as of March 31, 2013
- c. Update on 2012 Draft Audit

VII. LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT
VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
IX. OTHER MATTERS
X. ADJOURNMENT

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ **MARCIE M. TOMOKANE**
Chairwoman of the Board

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, -v- **ENRIQUE Q. SALAS and ROSARIO T. SALAS,** Defendants.	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0067** **SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

DATED April 09, 2013 by order of the Court:

/s/ Clerk of Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF AS GUARDIAN OF THE ESTATE OF: Kyle C. Reyes (06/21/2001), Minor Child, **By Antonio A. Reyes,** Petitioner.	**FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0171** **NOTICE OF HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian for the estate of the above-named minor child by Antonio Aguon Reyes, Petitioner, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court.

A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will be held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Superior Court before the Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo on the 2nd day of May, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. or as soon as thereafter.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

Business

How a phony tweet and computer trades sank stocks

NEW YORK (AP)—For a few surreal minutes, a mere 12 words on Twitter caused the world's mightiest stock market to tremble.

No sooner did hackers send a false Associated Press tweet reporting explosions at the White House on Tuesday than investors started dumping stocks—eventually unloading $134 billion worth.

Except most of the investors weren't human. They were computers, selling on autopilot beyond the control of humans, like a scene from a sci-fi horror film.

"Before you could blink, it was over," said Joe Saluzzi, co-founder of Themis Trading and an outspoken critic of high-speed computerized trading. "With people, you wouldn't have this type of reaction."

For decades, computers have been sorting through data and news to help investment funds decide whether to buy or sell. But that's old school. Now "algorithmic" trading programs sift through data, news, even tweets, and execute trades by themselves in fractions of a second, without slowpoke humans getting in the way. More than half of stock trading every day is done this way.

Markets quickly recovered after Tuesday's plunge. But the incident rattled traders and highlighted the danger of handing control to the machines. It also raised questions about whether regulators should be doing more to monitor the relationship between social media and the markets.

Irene Aldridge, a consultant to hedge funds on algorithmic programs, said many of the trading systems just count the number of positive and negative words, without any filter. She wants regulators to do more but believes that glitches and plunges may be inevitable.

"You can't ban Twitter," said Aldridge, author of "High-Frequency Trading," a guide to algorithmic trading.

Just how exactly the trading unfolded Tuesday is still a bit of a mystery.

Some experts say the computers took their cue from humans, picking up on a pause in buying as traders read the phony tweet. In Wall Street's insanely fast trading world, humans holding back for even a second could have signaled to computers that buyers were drying up and that prices could fall, and so the computers should sell fast.

UK in dark mood as new recession may be confirmed

LONDON (AP)—Recession may just be a word. But in Britain it may become a habit—and a dangerous one at that.

It's possible that official figures on first quarter economic growth, to be released Thursday, could show the country is back in recession, and tension is building.

Although economists on average expect growth of 0.1 percent on the quarter, they warn it would take the smallest statistical variation to put the figure in negative territory. That would place the country in recession, typically defined as two consecutive quarters of economic contraction.

Another recession—the third since the 2008 financial crisis—is already being referred to with foreboding in the media as a "Triple Dip." Experts warn that its confirmation would create a wave of negative media attention that would scare consumers away from spending, feeding into a vicious cycle that has the economy flat-lining.

"It's psychological—this is all psychological," said Cary Cooper, a professor at Lancaster University Management School. "It's about the message that those figures send to consumers and small businesses."

The government desperately wants a strong number to justify its increasingly criticized policy of painful spending cuts. But recent indicators on Britain's economy, the third-largest in the 27-country EU after Germany and France, have been disappointing.

Inflation is rising faster than wages, cutting into people's standard of living. Unemployment is up at 7.9 percent. Two international ratings agencies have downgraded the country's credit grade from the top level AAA, warning about the government's fiscal policies.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Boeing sees early-May restart of 787 deliveries

Boeing reported a better-than-expected first-quarter profit even as it scrambled to fix its grounded 787. The company said on Wednesday that deliveries of the 787 should resume in early May. Most of the 50 planes that have been delivered to airlines will be fixed by the middle of the month, Chairman and CEO Jim McNerney said on the company's quarterly earnings conference call. Resuming deliveries and passenger flights would cap a notable turnaround for Boeing. The three-month grounding over battery problems frustrated airlines and turned a spotlight onto the way commercial planes are designed and regulated. Putting the problem behind it will let Boeing focus on building new versions of its best-selling 737 and 777. Air safety authorities around the world grounded 787s after two different planes suffered from smoldering batteries—one of them including a fire, one of them in-flight—in January. The Federal Aviation Administration has approved Boeing's redesigned battery system, which the company says should sharply reduce the risk of a fire. ***(AP)***

SKorea demands talks with NKorea on closed factory

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea on Thursday warned of an unspecified "grave measure" if North Korea rejects talks on a jointly run factory park shuttered for nearly a month—setting up the possible end of the last remaining major symbol of inter-Korean cooperation. In a televised briefing with reporters, Unification Ministry spokesman Kim Hyung-suk refused to describe what Seoul would do if Pyongyang doesn't respond by a deadline Friday to a demand for formal working-level talks on the industrial complex just over the heavily armed border in the North Korean town of Kaesong. But Seoul's talk of a "grave measure" may be an attempt to signal it will pull out its remaining workers from the complex. For weeks, until recently, North Korea issued a steady stream of criticism and threats of war aimed at Seoul and Washington, expressing anger over ongoing U.S.-South Korean military drills that the North calls invasion preparations and U.N. sanctions over its February nuclear test.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-13-018

RENEWABLE ENERGY INTEGRATION STUDY

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for a Renewable Energy Integration Study for Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The focus of this Renewable Energy Integration Study will be:

- To determine how much variable renewable energy (Solar PV and Wind) can CUC economically integrate into its grid?
- To investigate the operational impact - at penetration levels ranging from 10% to 50% - for Solar PV and Wind generation.

A Power System Analysis software with a Renewable Energy module will be purchased and installed on CUC computers for grid studies and operations. The contractor will recommend and install the software on computers provided by CUC. The contractor will model CUC's grid and carry out related Load-flow, Short Circuit, Stability (dynamic and transient), Transient and Protection analysis, as well as simulations.

The study should address these questions:

1. What is the impact of up to 50% variable renewable energy penetration and how can this be accommodated?
2. How much Solar PV or Wind generation can be connected on any of CUC's 13.8KV distribution feeders? Can geographic diversity or distributed generation will help mitigate variability?
3. How spinning reserve should be modified to account for the variability in Wind and Solar PV generation. What is the additional cost of spinning due to this variability?
4. What is the increased O&M cost of diesel generators due to increased ramping and cycling?
5. What are the Short Circuit levels and currents at interconnection points on the grid?
6. What are the supply quality problems; including voltage stability /collapse and frequency fluctuations?

The RFP package may be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one set from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on April 30, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-13-018,Renewable Energy Integration Study"*, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **May 20, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All questions or request for clarification must be submitted in writing no later than May 10, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST) to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Wallon Young, CUC Deputy Director for Power via email wallon59@yahoo.com and Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email charles_warren@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ ALAN W. FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-13-020

DESIGN-BUILD RENOVATION OF CUC WAREHOUSE OFFICE AND STORAGE FACILITY

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the Design-Build Renovation of CUC Warehouse Office and Storage Facility of the Commonwealth Utilities, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The selected A&E and Construction firm shall perform design and construction services for the renovation of the CUC Warehouse in Lower Base, Saipan. The firm must have experience on past design-build projects particularly on the island of Saipan.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **180 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

The RFP package may be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one set from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **May 9, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-13-020, Design-Build Renovation of CUC Warehouse Office and Storage Facility, Saipan"*, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **May 28, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

Statements of Qualifications will be evaluated, pre-qualified and selected based on the following criteria:

1. Familiarity and understanding of the CUC Warehouse staff daily activities
2. Qualifications and Experience of the A&E and the Contractor
   - o Proposed Methodology and Project Approach with Milestone Schedule
   - o Proposed Staffing and Experience
   - o List and Performance Recommendation on similar contracts, including the timeliness of the firms in meeting contract deadlines
   - o Present Workload and Availability

Proposers are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This Request for Proposal and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations ss 50-50-301 & 305, Procurement of Construction and Architect-Engineering Services.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 13, 2013** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - manny.sablan@cucgov.org. with a copy to John Mafnas, CUC Warehouse Manager, via email john.mafnas@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so shall be in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This ad is paid for by NMHC funds.

Notice is hereby given that the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is the agency authorized to allocate Low Incoming Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) in the CNMI. The United States 1986 Tax Reform Act created the federal low-income housing tax credit program under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code (Code) to assist with the development of low-income rental housing by providing qualified owners with credit to offset their federal tax obligations. The LIHTC is available to owners/developers of qualifying buildings and projects that meet certain low-income occupancy and rent restrictions.

Section 42 of the Code provides that the CNMI prepare a Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) to determine housing priorities and to give preference to projects serving the lowest income tenants and projects obligated to serve qualified tenants for the longest periods. The QAP must incorporate selection criteria, which includes project location, housing need characteristics, sponsor characteristics, tenant populations with special needs, and public housing waiting lists.

NMHC has developed a QAP and is available at NMHC's office. The QAP describes the basis that NMHC will use to allocate LIHTCs. NMHC may allocate **$2,590,000.00** in LIHTCs for the 2013 program year; in addition, NMHC has **$2,562,097** under the State's Unused Housing Credit Ceiling Carryover Allocation.

Application for LIHTCs

Owners/Developers wishing to apply for the LIHTCs should obtain and complete a LIHTC Application. The LIHTC Application may be obtained from NMHC's Office in Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950 or through our website at www.nmhc.gov.mp.

Owners/Developers must file the completed LIHTC Application along with the **$1,000.00 Application Fee** in NMHC's Office by the Application Deadline of **4:30 pm, August 30, 2013**. NMHC staff will review the application and will notify the Owner/Developer of any deficiencies by 15 days time or **September 16, 2013**. The owner/developer will be given 14 days to correct any deficiencies. Any corrections or supplemental information requested by NMHC must be received by **September 30, 2013**. The projects will be scored and recommendations made to the NMHC Board of Directors for approval at its **October 2013** Board Meeting.

Notification of Awards

NMHC will notify Owners/Developers of the projects receiving LIHTCs thirty (30) days following the October 2013 Board of Directors meeting. The reservation letter must be signed and returned to NMHC by no later than thirty (30) days from the date of notification.

For more information on this program, please contact NMHC at 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

/s/ **JESSE S. PALACIOS**
Corporate Director

NMHC will make necessary arrangements for persons with disabilities or persons requiring interpreters upon prior notification. Should you require such arrangements, please contact Ms. Jocelyn C. Seman at telephone numbers 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

Nation

Officials: Suspect stopped talking after Miranda

BOSTON (AP)—The surviving suspect in the Boston Marathon bombings acknowledged to the FBI his role in the attacks but did so before he was advised of his constitutional right to keep quiet and seek a lawyer, U.S. officials said Wednesday.

Once Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was read his rights on Monday, he immediately stopped talking, according to four officials of both political parties who were briefed on the interrogation but insisted on anonymity because the briefing was private.

After roughly 16 hours of questioning, investigators were surprised when a magistrate judge and a representative from the U.S. Attorney's office entered the hospital room and read Tsarnaev his rights, the four officials and one law enforcement official said. Investigators had planned to keep questioning him.

It is unclear whether any of this will matter in court since the FBI says Tsarnaev confessed to a witness and U.S. officials said Wednesday that physical evidence, including a 9 mm handgun and pieces of a remote-control device commonly used in toys, was recovered from the scene.

But the debate over whether suspected terrorists should be read their Miranda rights has become a major sticking point in the debate over how best to fight terrorism. Many Republicans, in particular, believe Miranda warnings are designed to build court cases, and only hinder intelligence gathering.

Christina DiIorio Sterling, a spokeswoman for U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz, said in an email, "This remains an ongoing investigation and we don't have any further comment."

ACROSS THE NATION

2 boys, 3 adults shot to death in Illinois town

MANCHESTER, Ill. (AP)—The nephew of a small-town Illinois mayor shot and killed five people, including two boys, before leading police on a chase that ended in an exchange of gunfire that left him dead, authorities said Wednesday. Illinois State Police said they believe Rick O. Smith, 43, entered a Manchester home through the back door and shot the victims at close range with a shotgun, leaving two women, one man and the boys dead. Two people were found in a bedroom, two in a second bedroom and the man in the hallway. A sixth victim, a 6-year-old girl, was injured and taken to a Springfield hospital. "The offender took the 6-year-old out of the residence and put her in the hands of a neighbor," State Police Lt. Col. Todd Kilby said.

Mississippi men's feud looms over ricin probe

OXFORD, Miss. (AP)—The investigation into poisoned letters mailed to President Barack Obama and others has shifted from an Elvis impersonator to his longtime foe, and authorities must now figure out if an online feud between the two men might have escalated into something more sinister. Paul Kevin Curtis, 45, was released from a north Mississippi jail on Tuesday and charges against him were dropped, nearly a week after authorities charged him with sending ricin-laced letters to the president, Republican U.S. Sen. Roger Wicker of Mississippi and an 80-year-old Lee County, Miss., Justice Court judge, Sadie Holland. Before Curtis left jail, authorities had already descended on the home of 41-year-old Everett Dutschke in Tupelo, a northeast Mississippi town best known as the birthplace of the King himself. On Wednesday, they searched the site of a Tupelo martial arts studio once operated by Dutschke, who hasn't been arrested or charged.

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INVITATION FOR BID

NMHC IFB 2013-003

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Ground Maintenance Services for NMHC's Scattered Properties in Saipan, Tinian and Rota

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors are hereby giving notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed bids from interested, licensed companies in the Commonwealth to provide ground maintenance services for its properties in Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Interested firms may pick up Bid Specifications at the NMHC Office in Garapan, Saipan beginning Tuesday, April 16, 2013, from 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the NMHC Conference Room located in the Garapan, Saipan, on **Monday, April 22, 2013, at 9:00 a.m.** Bidders will have the opportunity to tour the properties owned by NMHC to be covered under the proposed contract. Attendance at this conference and site visits are considered essential to the bidders' understanding of the project elements, and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder.

Sealed bids must be marked **NMHC-IFB 2013-003**. For bidders within the CNMI, one (1) original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950, not later than **10:00 a.m., local time Friday, May 3, 2013.** Bids received after the date and time will not be accepted. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notice of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m., local time, Friday, May 3, 2013,** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, one (1) original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later **Friday, May 3, 2013**, and must be received at Procurement and Supply no later than **Friday, May 10, 2013**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan at **10:00 a.m., local time, Monday, May 13, 2013.** However, if no notice of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:30 a.m., local time on Friday, May 3, 2013.**

All labor on this project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate of $5.55 per hour which took effect on October 1, 2012 as established by Federal law including subsequent increases of $.50 per hour as announced by the U.S. Department of Labor and/or the CNMI Department of Labor, whichever is higher.

NMHC hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contacts entered into pursuant to this advertisement, small business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, religion, sex, disabilities or national origin.

Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference" is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301 (which also includes an inspection of equipment and its manpower).

The Commonwealth Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in the bids if determined by the government to be in its best interest. All bids shall become the property of the Commonwealth Government.

For information, contact Jocelyn C. Seman, Office Manager/Procurement Officer, at (670) 234-6866/7689 during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except CNMI and austerity holidays.

/s/ JESSE S. PALACIOS
Corporate Director

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

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INVITATION FOR BID

NMHC IFB 2013-004

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Installation of Perimeter Chain Link Fence and Accordion Typhoon Shutters for Three (3) NSP Properties

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors are hereby giving notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed bids from interested, licensed companies in the Commonwealth to provide Installation of Perimeter Chain Link Fence and Accordion Typhoon Shutters for Three (3) NSP Properties, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Interested firms may pick up Bid Specifications at the NMHC Office in Garapan, Saipan beginning Tuesday, April 16, 2013, from 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the NMHC Conference Room located in the Garapan, Saipan, on **Monday, April 22, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.** Bidders will have the opportunity to tour the three (3) NSP properties owned by NMHC to be covered under the proposed contract. Attendance at this conference and site visits are considered essential to the bidders' understanding of the project elements, and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder.

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Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan at **11:00 a.m., local time, Monday, May 13, 2013.** However, if no notice of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **1:30 p.m., local time on Friday, May 3, 2013.**

All labor on this project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate of $5.55 per hour which took effect on October 1, 2012 as established by Federal law including subsequent increases of $.50 per hour as announced by the U.S. Department of Labor and/or the CNMI Department of Labor, whichever is higher.

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For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00), a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be in the form of Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: NMHC IFB 2013-004". Surety companies must hold a Certified of Authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with NMHC and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment Bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Pursuant to Governor's Directive 251 dated March 15, 2006, bidders are required to include a Clearance from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner with respect to the financial bonding capability of the bidders' chosen Surety. In addition, the contractor will be required to deliver a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments or other bond obligations) exceeded the penal amount of each bond.

Performance time for the completion of this project is forty-five (45) days upon issuance of an official written Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for the delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars ($125.00) per calendar day.

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World

149 die, more cry for help at Bangladesh collapse

SAVAR, Bangladesh (AP)—Workers trapped in the wreckage of a collapsed factory building in Bangladesh cried out for help Thursday, as rescuers struggled to reach survivors of a disaster that killed at least 149 people and reignited questions about the often lethal conditions in the country's garment industry.

Army Brig. Gen. Mohammed Siddiqul Alam Shikder said many people are still trapped in the building, which housed a number of garment factories employing hundreds of people when it came tumbling down Wednesday morning. A clearer picture of the rescue operation would be available by afternoon, he said.

The disaster in the Dhaka suburb of Savar came less than five months after a factory fire killed 112 people and underscored the unsafe conditions faced by Bangladesh's garment workers, who produce clothes for global brands worn around the world.

Workers said they had hesitated to enter the building on Wednesday morning because it had developed such large cracks a day earlier that it even drew the attention of local news channels. Just hours later it collapsed.

Tens of thousands of people gathered at the site, weeping and searching for family members. Searchers worked through the night to get through the jumbled mess of concrete with drills or their bare hands, passing water and flashlights to those pinned inside the building.

"I gave them whistles, water, torchlights. I heard them cry. We can't leave them behind this way," said fire official Abul Khayer.

Abdur Rahim, who worked on the fifth floor, said a factory manager gave assurances that the cracks in the building were no cause for concern, so employees went inside.

"After about an hour or so, the building collapsed suddenly," Rahim said. The next thing he remembers is regaining consciousness outside.

A man who was trapped in an eight-story building housing several garment factories is rescued after the structure collapsed in Savar, near Dhaka, Bangladesh, Wednesday, April 24, 2013.

AP

On a visit to the site, Home Minister Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir told reporters the building had violated construction codes and that "the culprits would be punished."

Abdul Halim, an official with the engineering department in Savar, said the owner was originally allowed to construct a five-story building but he added another three stories illegally.

Local police chief Mohammed Asaduzzaman said police and the government's Capital Development Authority have filed separate cases of negligence against the building owner.

NKorean soldiers put down weapons to help plant crops

SASI-RI, North Korea (AP)—The North Korean side of the Demilitarized Zone is a hive of activity—not of fighting, but of farming.

Beyond the barbed wire, ruddy-faced North Korean soldiers put down their rifles Wednesday and stood shoulder to shoulder with farmers as they turned their focus to another battle: the spring planting.

As neighboring nations remain on guard for a missile launch or nuclear test that South Korean and U.S officials say could take place at any time, the focus north of the border is on planting rice, cabbage and soybeans. In hamlets all along the DMZ, soldiers were knee-deep in mud and water as they helped farmers with the spring planting.

Inside the DMZ, hundreds of North Korean soldiers marched in a line with backpacks. On a hilltop above them in North Hwanghae province, Col. Kim Chang Jun said they were being dispatched to farms—but still prepared for war if need be.

"From the outside, it looks peaceful: farmers are out in the fields, children are going to school," he said. "But behind the scenes, they are getting ready for war. They're working until midnight but come morning, if the call comes, they'll be ready to go to battle."

Clashes suggest Sunni anger boiling over in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP)—With Sunni gunmen beginning to confront the Shiite-led government's security forces head-on in northern and western Iraq, fears are growing fast of a return to full-scale sectarian fighting that could plunge the country into a broader battle merged with the Syrian civil war across the border.

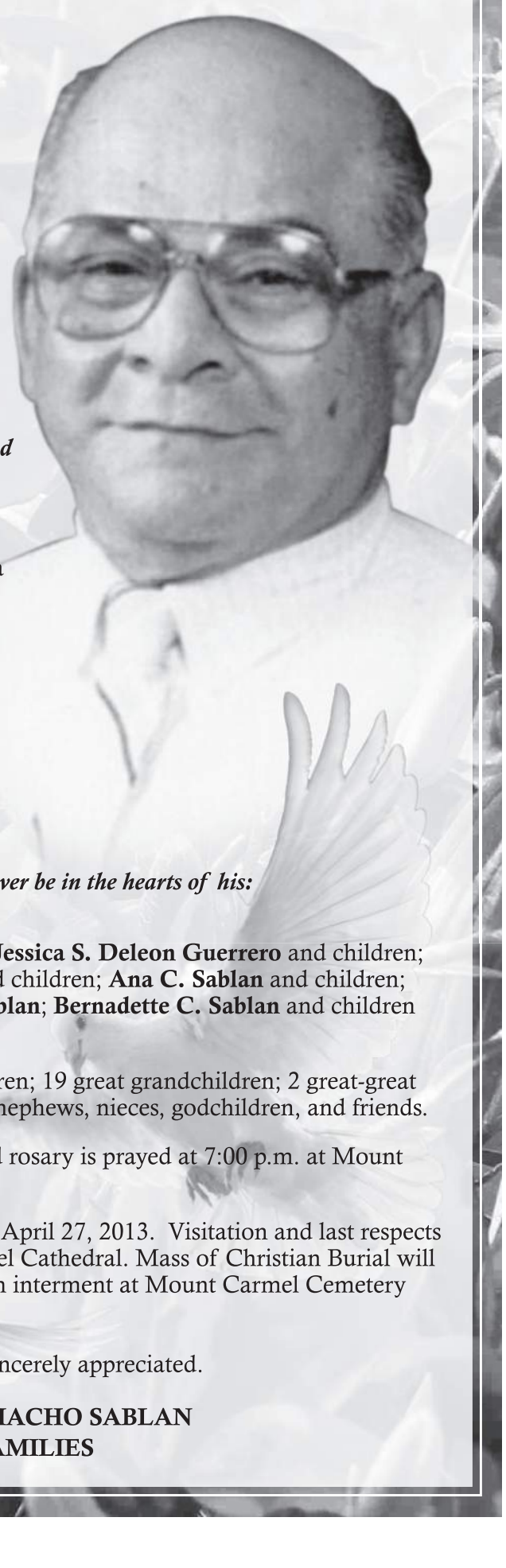
With more than 100 people killed over the past two days, it's shaping up to be the most pivotal moment for Iraq since U.S. combat troops withdrew in December 2011.

"Everybody has the feeling that Iraq is becoming a new Syria," Talal Younis, the 55-year-old owner of a currency exchange in the northern city of Mosul, said Wednesday. "We are heading into the unknown. ... I think that civil war is making a comeback."

A crackdown by government forces at a protest site in the northern town of Hawija on Tuesday triggered the latest unrest. It has enraged much of the country's restive Sunni Arab minority, adding fuel to an already smoldering opposition movement and spawning a wave of bold follow-up clashes.

TO ETERNAL LIFE

JESUS DIAZ SABLAN



(Lovingly known as "Tan Chu," "Tan Chu Kilili" or "Chuming")
born on December 24, 1929, went peacefully to our Lord on April 18, 2013 at the age of 83.

Entering the gates of heaven, Tan Chu will be greeted and reunited with his:

Parents: Gregorio San Nicolas & Joaquina Torres Diaz Sablan
Parents-in-Law: Joaquin Taimanao Camacho & Ana Sablan Reyes Camacho
Brothers, Sisters and In-laws:
Matilde Sablan & Marcus G. Untalan;
Rita Sablan & Luis C. Tenorio;
Rosalia Sablan & Juan SN. Pangelinan;
Vicente D. & Felicidad H. Sablan;
Anunciacion Sablan & Jesus M. Palacios;
Froilan Reyes Camacho;
Constancia Reyes Camacho.
Son-in-Law: Vicente C. Deleon Guerrero

Precious memories and lasting love for Tan Chu will forever be in the hearts of his:

Wife: Victorina Reyes Camacho Sablan
Children: Frances S./Edward Arriola and children; **Jessica S. Deleon Guerrero** and children; **Gregorio Kilili Camacho**/Andrea Sablan and children; **Ana C. Sablan** and children; **Florence C. Sablan** and children; **Lucy C. Sablan**; **Bernadette C. Sablan** and children
Caretaker: Emmanuel Balajadia

Tan Chu is also loved and cherished by 18 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces, godchildren, and friends.

Daily masses of intention are offered at 6:00 a.m. and rosary is prayed at 7:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral.

Tan Chu will be with us for the last time on Saturday, April 27, 2013. Visitation and last respects are welcomed beginning at 8:00 a.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. followed immediately with interment at Mount Carmel Cemetery where he will be laid to rest.

Your thoughts and most especially your prayers are sincerely appreciated.

VICTORINA REYES CAMACHO SABLAN
CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Off the Wall

Pup named Huckleberry crowned 'Beautiful Bulldog'

AP

Huckleberry sits on the throne after being crowned the winner of the 34th annual Drake Relays Beautiful Bulldog Contest, Monday, April 22, 2013, in Des Moines, Iowa.

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—If at first you don't succeed, wipe the slobber off and try again.

Just ask 4-year-old pup Huckleberry, who was crowned Monday as this year's "Beautiful Bulldog."

Huckleberry competed for the title in 2010, only to walk away empty-pawed. That changed this year, when he strutted down a blue runway at Drake University in Des Moines dressed in a beige suit as the main character from the movie "Forrest Gump."

"He's just a lover," said his owner, Stephanie Hein, as Huckleberry sat next to his miniature basketball toy and a suitcase similar to one owned by Forrest Gump.

The contest is now in its 34th year and is held ahead of the annual Drake Relays track and field meet. The university's mascot is a bulldog, and each year's winner becomes the mascot for the relays event.

Huckleberry beat 46 other bulldogs to don the crown and cape, and competition was stiff. There was a bulldog dressed as a "Thing" character by Dr. Seuss, another wore an eye patch and fake hoop earring to match his pirate-dressed owner. Diva, donning a tutu, took home the prize for best dressed.

Huckleberry seemed unfazed by all the attention, more interested in a dog-friendly cake that's served annually from the gold-painted throne. He threw in a few slobbered kisses to his owners.

When not competing, Huckleberry likes to cuddle and hang out with a girlfriend bulldog who lives nearby, according to Hein and her husband, Steven.

Huckleberry wore a Mohawk when he initially competed in 2010. But Stephanie Hein spent weeks shrinking and sowing together this year's outfit, which included a blue-checkered T-Shirt similar to the one worn by Forrest Gump. "He was just a puppy then," she said of his first attempt. "But he's certainly grown into himself now."

Mormon bishop with Samurai sword runs off attacker

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—A Samurai sword-wielding Mormon bishop helped a neighbor woman escape a Tuesday morning attack by a man who had been stalking her.

Kent Hendrix woke up Tuesday to his teenage son pounding on his bedroom door and telling him somebody was being mugged in front of their house. The 47-year-old father of six rushed out the door and grabbed the weapon closest to him—a 29-inch high carbon steel Samurai sword.

He came upon what he describes as a melee between a woman and a man. His son stayed inside to call 911 while he approached the man along with other neighbors who came to help. The martial arts instructor didn't hesitate in drawing the sword and yelling at him to get on the ground.

"His eyes got as big as saucers and he kind of gasped and jumped back," Hendrix said by phone Tuesday afternoon. "He's probably never had anyone draw a sword on him before."

The man ran down the street with the barefoot Hendrix and others in pursuit. Hendrix said he couldn't catch the man before he fled in his car, but he picked up ChapStick that the man dropped and memorized his license plate.

"I yelled at him, `I've got your DNA and I've got your license plate: You are so done,'" Hendrix said.

The suspect, 37-year-old Grant Eggersten, turned himself in to police an hour later, said Unified Police Lt. Justin Hoyal. He was booked on charges of robbery, attempted burglary, trespassing and violation of a stalking injunction.

Hendrix, a pharmaceutical statistician, was one of several neighbors who came to the woman's aid after she began yelling for help, Hoyal said.

The incident began just after 7 a.m. when the 35-year-old woman came out of her front door, Hoyal said. Eggersten was hiding behind her carport and attacked her, knocking her to the ground, Hoyal said.

He took her keys and tried to open the door into her house, Hoyal said. That's when the woman ran down the street calling for help.

The woman did the right thing by fighting back and calling for help, Hoyal said. She suffered minor injuries.

Hendrix, a bishop in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, said it was the first time in 30 years of practicing martial arts that he's used the sword. He didn't swing it at the man, only showing him he had it.

He said he's proud of his 14-year-old son for alerting him and quickly calling 911. He said the family is still abuzz about the events.

"That kind of thing doesn't happen every day," Hendrix said. "Our neighborhood is a pretty quiet place."

A fourth-degree black belt in the Kishindo form of martial arts, Hendrix owns a collection of swords and weapons that he trains with, said his wife, Suzanne Hendrix. He has trained with the sword he used Tuesday for 20 years and keeps it by his bed.

In Celebration of Her New Life

†CHARLOTTE MAE SABLAN PANGELINAN

May 10, 1966 – April 24, 2013

Was called to her eternal rest on
Wednesday, April 24, 2013

In Her New Life She Now Joins Her:
Father: Rodolfo Cepeda Pangelinan
Brothers: William S. Pangelinan and James S. Pangelinan

Father-in-law: Antonio B. Santos

Her Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts Of Her:
Common-law Husband: Francisco T. Santos

Children: Michael P. Santos; Franklin P. Santos; Maisha P. Santos; Rudy Anthony P. Santos

Mother: Rosa S. Pangelinan

Brothers & Sisters: †William S. & Diana C. Pangelinan; Renee P. & John Liggett; Martin S. Pangelinan; Lucinda S. Pangelinan; Donald S. Pangelinan; Rudy S. & Jenny Pangelinan; †James S. Pangelinan & Tomas Delgado; Piding P. & Ernest Sablan; Glen S. Pangelinan & Abby Inabo

Mother-in-law: Trinidad T. Santos

Brothers-in-laws & Sisters-in-laws with Spouses: Vicente T. & Helen M. Santos; John T. & Rebecca P. Santos; Antonio T. & Angela M. Santos; Jesus T. & Dorothy G. Santos; Mary Ann S. & Reginald P. Chang; Thomas T. Santos & Victoria C. Babauta; Joseph T. Santos & Bobbie C. Babauta; Frances T. Santos-Hofschneider & Wilfred R. Hofschneider; Richard T. Santos

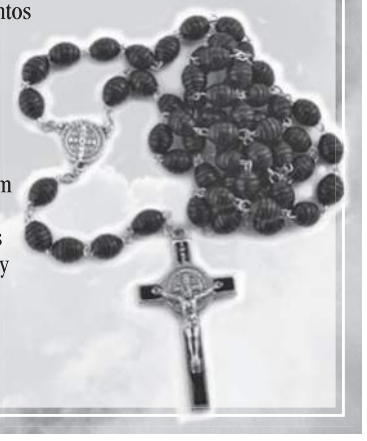
She will also be missed by numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces, Nephews and Friends.

Daily Mass of Intention is offered at San Vicente Church at 6:00p.m. starting April 24th until May 1st, 2013.

On Thursday, May 02, 2013 our beloved's remains will be escorted from CHC at 8:00a.m. to Kristo Rai Church for viewing and last respects. Responso Service will be at 9:00a.m. followed by the Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00a.m. followed immediately by interment service at the Tanapag Cemetery.

Thank You to All for your thoughts and prayers.

Francisco T. Santos, Children and Families



Huge elephant bird egg gets $101,813 at UK auction

LONDON (AP)—A massive, partly fossilized egg laid by a now-extinct elephant bird has sold for more than double its estimate at a London auction.

Christie's auction house said Wednesday that the foot-long, nearly nine-inches in diameter egg fetched 66,675 pounds ($101,813). It had been valued at 20,000 to 30,000 pounds presale, and was sold to an anonymous buyer over the telephone after about 10 minutes of competitive bidding.

Elephant birds were wiped out several hundred years ago. The oversized ovum, laid on the island of Madagascar, is believed to date back before the 17th century.

AP

In this Wednesday, March 27, 2013 file photo, Christie's scientific specialist James Hyslop poses for photographs with a sub-fossilized pre-17th century Elephant Bird egg at the auction house's premises in London.

Flightless, fruit-gobbling elephant birds resembled giant ostriches and could grow to be 11 feet high (3.4 meters). Christie's says their eggs are 100 times the size of an average chicken's.

Mont. man reunited with bird he lost in a divorce

BUTTE, Mont. (AP)—A Great Falls man who lost his macaw in a divorce more than five years ago has been reunited with the bird, thanks to an observant friend.

Mike Taylor picked up the 25-year-old bird he calls "Love Love" at Montana's Parrot & Exotic Bird Sanctuary in Butte on Sunday.

Taylor said his wife sold the bird after a nasty divorce. "I've been kind of looking for him the whole time," he said.

A friend of Taylor's, Steven Campbell, recently spotted the bird during a visit to the sanctuary.

It took some time for Campbell to convince Taylor. Then Taylor had to convince sanctuary founder Lori McAlexander. But she said he knew things about the bird that only a previous owner could have known, like it was blind in one eye, said "love love" and liked to play peek-a-boo.

The bird was surrendered to the sanctuary a couple of years ago after it bit a woman so hard she required medical attention, McAlexander said.

"I don't even handle him because he will bite me," she said.

Love Love appeared to recognize Taylor right away.

"Hangs upside down already, let me grab his beak, does his peeky-boo, likes to tuck his head," said Taylor, who called the reunion "very heart touching."

Science & Technology

iTunes celebrates a decade, faces new challenges

NEW YORK (AP)—When Apple launched its iTunes music store a decade ago amid the ashes of Napster, the music industry—reeling from the effects of online piracy—was anxious to see how the new music service would shake out.

"The sky was falling, and iTunes provided a place where we were going to monetize music and in theory stem the tide of piracy. So, it was certainly a solution for the time," said Michael McDonald, who co-founded ATO Records with Dave Matthews and whose Mick Management roster includes John Mayer and Ray LaMontagne.

The iTunes music store became much more than a solution; it changed how we consume music and access entertainment. It's not only music's biggest retailer, it also dominates the digital video market, capturing 67 percent of the TV show sale market and 65 percent of the movie sale market, according to information company NPD group. Its apps are the most profitable, it has expanded to books and magazines, and it is now available in 119 countries. This week, iTunes posted a record

AP

This undated screen image released by iTunes shows the iTunes music page on a computer screen.

$2.4 billion in revenue in first-quarter earnings.

"They revolutionized the retail landscape by making a truly interactive and very user-friendly space and platform, and they managed to do it by keeping a great music experience attached to what was very difficult technology," said Scott Borchetta, head of Big Machine Records, home to Taylor Swift, Tim McGraw and Rascal Flatts. "They made it very easy to buy music digitally, and that's why I think they've run so quickly in the lead for that space and continue to dominate the space."

But as iTunes celebrates its 10-year mark Sunday, it faces renewed scrutiny on how it will continue to dominate in the next decade—or whether it can. With competition from subscription services like Spotify and other services like Amazon.com, Netflix, Hulu and others, iTunes will likely need to reinvent itself to remain at the top of the digital entertainment perch.

Apple Inc.'s Eddy Cue, senior vice president of Internet software and services, refused to comment on reports that the company will launch a radio service or some other service to compete with Spotify.

"We've been able to add and expand and do a lot of things to make the product even that much better," said Cue, who was integral to the creation of iTunes. "Why it's going to be great for the next 10 years is because people still want access and want more of what's available today."

At first only available to Mac users, iTunes debuted two years after Apple's groundbreaking iPod. With a catalog of 200,000 songs—compared with tens and tens of millions of songs available today—iTunes entered an industry being upended by illegal downloading yet still skeptical of the new music store.

There were more than grumbles when Apple co-founder Steve Jobs set parameters making all songs available at a cap of 99 cents (today, songs can cost up to $1.29) and giving listeners more control of what they could do with music collection in terms of portability and ownership.

"In the case of the labels, we felt and we were able to convince them that we had a business proposition that would be better for them in the long term, and gave them an opportunity to compete with piracy," Cue recalled.

Google pays CEO a buck, 4 other execs get $124M

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Google CEO Larry Page and his longtime partner Sergey Brin limited their salaries to $1 apiece last year, while four other top executives received combined compensation packages totaling more than $124 million.

The breakdown disclosed in a regulatory filing Wednesday consisted mostly of stock awards that could ultimately be worth more or less money, depending on how Google's stock price fares in the future. Google Inc. also paid all four of the executives besides Page and Brin their maximum bonuses to reward them for their accomplishments during a year that saw the Internet search leader's stock price and earnings rise by 10 percent from 2011.

Page and Brin, who co-founded Google in 1998, have capped their salaries to $1 since the company went public in 2004. It's a symbolic gesture that other top Silicon Valley executives such as Apple Inc.'s late CEO Steve Jobs, and Yahoo Inc. co-founder Jerry Yang have made after amassing fortunes through the stock that they held in their respective companies.

Page, 40, and Brin, 39, are Google's two biggest stockholders, with stakes that are each currently worth about $20 billion.

Meanwhile, other Google executives are still looking to build their fortunes.

Last year's biggest windfall went to Nikesh Arora, who oversees the advertising sales that generated most of Google's $50 billion in revenue last year.

Turning back your PC's clock from Windows 8 to Windows 7

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: I recently bought a Windows 8 laptop, and the only thing I don't like about the PC is Windows 8. I want to replace Windows 8 with the more familiar Windows 7. How can I do this?—Robert Anderson, Bloomington, Minn.

ANSWER: To put it mildly, Windows 8 isn't very popular. While it makes sense for touch-sensitive tablets, it makes little sense on a PC because it forces people to use the computer in an entirely different way for little apparent benefit.

Not surprisingly, consumers haven't flocked to Windows 8. Microsoft hasn't talked about Windows 8 sales in two consecutive quarterly earnings reports. And third-party market research firm Net Applications says fewer people have bought Windows 8 than bought the much-maligned Windows Vista in the first five months after the respective operating systems were introduced.

If you don't like Windows 8, there are three things you can do:

1. There are several programs that will alter the Windows 8 Start Screen to look and behave more like the Windows 7 Start Menu. Infoworld.com has more information at http://tinyurl.com/boj8ecr. This is by far the easiest solution.

2. Pay a computer repair shop to install Windows 7 for you.

3. You can replace Windows 8 with Windows 7, but it's not easy.

First, back up your PC's data (which will be wiped out by switching to Windows 7), then download and back up the Windows 7 software drivers for external PC devices such as printers (you can find the drivers on the website of the manufacturer).

If you have Windows 8 Pro, you can switch to Windows 7 Pro in a way that will let you go back to Windows 8 later if you change your mind. You'll have to buy a copy of Windows 7 Pro. Then follow the directions in the article "How to 'downgrade' to Windows 7" on Infoworld.com, at http://tinyurl.com/dyqfs2q.

If you have any other version of Windows 8, you'll have to do a "clean install" using any version of Windows 7. Save your data and software drivers as I mentioned above. Before you start, read section three of the "How to downgrade" article, which explains how to turn off a Windows 8 feature called "secure boot" that would otherwise prevent you from installing Windows 7.

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Q: Both my laptop and desktop computers have had their browser home pages hijacked by something called "start.search.us.com," which redirects my browser whenever I connect to the Internet. What should I do?—Bob Jones, Prior Lake, Minn.

A: "Start.search.us.com" is a browser hijacking program whose purpose is to divert you to shady websites. To remove the program from Windows and from your browser (Internet Explorer, Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox), try the step-by-step directions on IMInfected.com, at http://tinyurl.com/cpgldyn.

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Saturday 1:20 4:20 7:20 9:50
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Cast: Tom Cruise, Olga Kurylenko, Morgan Freeman
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Scary Movie 5
Friday 4:10 7:10 9:45
Saturday 1:10 4:10 7:10 9:45
Sunday 1:10 4:10 7:10
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Cast: Charlie Sheen, Lindsay Lohan, Ashley Tisdale
Genre: Comedy • Rated PG 13

The Call
Friday 7:30
Saturday 1:30 7:30
Sunday 1:30 7:30
Monday through Thursday 7:30
Cast: Halle Berry, Evie Thompson, Abigail Breslin
Genre: Comedy • Rated R

Jurassic Park 3D
Friday 4:00 7:00 10:00
Saturday 1:00 4:00 7:00 10:00
Sunday 1:00 4:00 7:00
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Cast: Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum
Genre: Science Fiction • Rated PG 13

G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D
Friday 7:25 9:40
Saturday 1:25 7:25 9:40
Sunday 1:25 7:25
Monday through Thursday 7:25
Cast: Dwayne Johnson, Bruce Willis, Channing Tatum
Genre: Action • Rated PG 13

G.I. Joe: Retaliation 2D
Friday through Thursday 4:25

The Croods 3D
Friday 7:15
Saturday 1:15 7:15
Sunday 1:15 7:15
Monday through Thursday 7:15
Cast: Emma Stone, Nicolas Cage, Ryan Reynolds
Genre: Children's/Family • Rated PG

The Croods 2D
Friday & Saturday 4:15 9:30
Sunday through Thursday 4:15

Olympus Has Fallen
Friday 4:30 9:35
Saturday 4:30 9:35
Sunday 4:30
Monday through Thursday 4:30
Cast: Gerard Butler, Morgan Freeman, Aaron Eckhart
Genre: Action • Rated R

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Life & Style

Diamond donating 'Caroline' sales after bombings

NEW YORK (AP)—Neil Diamond is donating this week's sales from "Sweet Caroline" after the tune became a source of comfort following the explosions at the Boston Marathon.

Sales from Diamond's song are up by 597 percent, Nielsen SoundScan said Wednesday. Diamond's representative said the singer will donate the recent sales to marathon bombing victims.

"Sweet Caroline" sold 19,000 tracks this week. It sold 2,800 tracks the previous week and 1.75 million tracks to date.

The crowd-pleasing song is a staple of Boston Red Sox games. It makes no specific mention of Boston or the Red Sox, but the team started playing it regularly at Fenway Park more than a decade ago and fans took to it.

The New York Yankees, Toronto Raptors and other professional sports teams also have played the song at games in the days after the deadly blasts April 15.

Diamond released "Sweet Caroline" in 1969. The song was inspired by Caroline Kennedy's name.

AP

FOLLY OF EXCESS

Italian artist Michelangelo Pistoletto's art work decorates the Louvre museum's iconic glass pyramid, in Paris, Wednesday, April 24, 2013. Michelangelo Pistoletto, one of the world's leading conceptual artists, covered one panel of the pyramid with a huge three-looped infinity sign made of mirrors Wednesday. It's an artistic gesture aimed to show politicians and society the follies of excess that led to the current financial crisis.

'Mad Men' creator Weiner answers season 6 critics

NEW YORK (AP)—"Mad Men" creator Matthew Weiner has a message for critics of season six of the AMC hit: "Fans don't run the show."

After waiting nearly a year for this month's premiere some viewers have expressed disappointment with the new season. Speaking ahead of a "Mad Men" panel event at the Paley Media Center in Manhattan Tuesday night, Weiner likened fan reaction to the show to the arcade game Whac-A-Mole.

"There's not enough agency advertising. There's too much advertising," Weiner said of previous fan gripes. "There's not enough Betty. There's too much Betty. Who is Megan? Why isn't there more Megan?"

Weiner noted people are still watching and advised fans to "sit back and enjoy where we're going." He said he opened the season in 1968 because he believes it was one of the worst years in U.S. history, and while he remained tight-lipped about where the journey is headed he did promise it "might be a little salacious, but that's what the show is."

Viewers did learn that ad man Don Draper (Jon Hamm) remains tormented and brooding and is now cheating on his new wife Megan (Jessica Pare). Weiner says he believes his lead character remains redeemable despite his flaws.

"We'll have to see what the world hands him and if he's able to confront a problem that's following him around that might actually be him," he said.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Nicole Kidman and Ang Lee join starry Cannes jury

PARIS (AP) — The Cannes Film Festival announced its most Hollywood-heavy jury lineup in years Wednesday, with a list that includes Oscar winners Nicole Kidman, Christoph Waltz and Ang Lee. Veteran filmmaker Steven Spielberg, who is 2013's jury president, will make this an Oscar-winning quartet — a rare event for a festival that prides itself on celebrating less mainstream, independent cinema. "The Oscars (connection) is a coincidence as all this people are friends of Cannes. And don't forget that these stars are also involved and engaged in independent cinema," Cannes Artistic Director Thierry Fremaux told The Associated Press. "It has to be legitimate and glamorous... They all have their (unique) place in the jury," he added. Kidman, who trod the Riviera festival's red carpet last year for the nominated "Paperboy," will certainly add a glamour factor, but will join a host of lesser known, but equally important, industry names including Romanian director Cristian Mungiu who won the festival's prize for best screenplay in 2012 for "Beyond The Hills."

Affleck to get honorary doctorate from Brown

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island (AP) — Academy Award-winning actor and director Ben Affleck is among six artists, writers, scientists and educators selected to receive honorary degrees from Brown University at next month's graduation ceremonies. The Ivy League school in Rhode Island says Affleck will receive a doctor of fine arts during commencement exercises May 26. The Massachusetts native directed, produced and starred in "Argo," which won this year's Oscar for Best Picture. Others getting honorary doctorates are author and MIT Professor Junot Diaz; retired Stanford University bacteriologist Stanley Falkow; Tougaloo College President Beverly Wade Hogan; medical doctor and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation President Risa Lavizzo-Mourey; and Miami Dade College President Eduardo Padron.

Ke$ha Kardashian? Pop singer heads to reality land

NEW YORK (AP)—Ke$ha Kardashian? Not quite.

The wild and playful pop star is a huge fan of the swarm of Kardashian reality shows, but says her new series is far from what you see on the small screen from Kim, Kourtney and Khloe.

"I have a love for the Kardashians, I'm not going to lie to you," the 26-year-old said in a recent interview. "I love that show, but it's very different. I do not look as pretty as they do—like at all. During my show, there's a lot of moments with no makeup at all, like I'm in a T-shirt running around in my underwear."

Six 30-minute episodes make up "Ke$ha: My Crazy Beautiful Life," which debuted Tuesday on MTV. Her brother, Lagan Sebert, filmed the singer over two years while she toured and recorded music. The show includes silly moments backstage, clips of Ke$ha making out with boys, as well as interactions with her fans, friends and mother Pebe Sebert, who co-wrote songs on each of Ke$ha's albums.

In one episode, Ke$ha stalks her ex-boyfriend, who was the subject of her 2010 tune "The Harold Song."

"I bumped into him recently and I was kind of like, 'Sorry about that,'" she said.

Ke$ha, who has a party-girl vibe, said some members of her team worried about what she would air on the show.

"I'm pretty game for most things, honestly," she said of what viewers will see. "There are issues that my record label has and my publicist, they don't want me to do lots of things, but ... I feel like the message has to be genuine for me. That's why I am showing all the imperfections."

Ke$ha's reality show comes five months after she released her second full-length album, "Warrior," which features the smash single "Die Young." The series could help push sales since the album has only moved 252,000 units, according to Nielsen SoundScan. It's not matching the immediate success of her 2009 debut, "Animal," which has sold more than 1 million albums and launched four Top 10 singles, including her breakthrough anthem "TiK ToK." ''Cannibal," the EP she released 10 months after her debut, has reached gold status.

Woman who married young wants do-over on teen years

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DearAbby

DEAR ABBY: "Jake" and I have been married more than 20 years. I married before I was 18, and I'm not even 40 yet. Jake is seven years my senior. We have had our ups and downs, and although the last five years have been fine, I want more out of life than sitting home watching TV or hanging out with him.

We have two children. One is away at college and the other starting high school. When I talk to my husband about wanting to do things, he says I should have done them when I was younger. But I married him before I was even an adult!

Is it wrong to want to go out and do things I never got to do when I was a teenager? It makes me question whether or not I want to be married to him anymore. I still love him, but I have changed.

Jake insists we don't need counseling and I just need to get over it and accept that this is my life. What if I don't want to regret what I have never had a chance to do?

WANTS MORE OUT WEST

DEAR WANTS MORE: I'm sorry, but you can't relive your lost teenage years.

I wish you had been more specific about what it is you want to do. If it's go out and have some fun, perhaps some of your girlfriends would like to go with you. Instead of sitting home, you and Jake could socialize with other couples. If you're into sports, why not join a women's sports team? If you're not, how about a book club? You don't have to sit around and vegetate.

You also didn't mention whether you completed high school. If you didn't receive a diploma, you would be well-served to work on earning your GED, which could widen your horizons and opportunities considerably.

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DEAR ABBY: I have two daughters, 11 and 14. They fight over many things, but what gets to me is the way they fight over what television shows to watch.

My younger daughter has nightmares if she watches even mildly dramatic cop/lawyer-type shows. However, my older daughter loves them.

At home, I'd have one kid watch TV in one room and the other in the other room. However, when they're at the sitter's house, which has only one TV, they call me at work and fight over the phone over who watches what. They both accuse me of favoring the other.

How do I deal with this fairly without upsetting them? And how do I keep my younger daughter from having nightmares?

DOING MY BEST IN KENTUCKY

DEAR DOING: Because your younger daughter has nightmares after viewing shows that create anxiety, she shouldn't be forced to do it. When they are at their sitter's, they should alternate days when each has control of the remote control. When your older girl has it, the younger one should be encouraged to read a book of her choosing and/or listen to music. When the younger one gets to do the choosing, the older one should do the same.

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DEAR ABBY: Christmas and birthday gifts I will never use have accumulated around my house. I'd like to have a yard sale, but many of the items came from close friends and family. I feel guilty getting rid of them because the people who gave them to me obviously meant well. Would selling them be wrong?

One gift was from my mother. I live at home, so she will notice if I stick it in the garage sale. I can't let this extra stuff sit around. It's taking up space and I need the money for a very expensive college. But I'm afraid of people finding out that I don't want their presents. What should I do?

DOWNSIZING IN NEW YORK

DEAR DOWNSIZING: Selling the items would not be wrong. Once a gift is given, it is yours to do with as you please. If you offer them for sale online, it will be less obvious and cause fewer hurt feelings.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

CURIOSITY IS THE ESSENCE OF THE SCIENTIFIC MIND.
FOR EXAMPLE, YOU KNOW HOW MILK COMES OUT YOUR NOSE IF YOU LAUGH WHILE DRINKING?
WELL, I'M GOING TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I INHALE MILK INTO MY NOSE AND LAUGH!
IDIOCY IS THE ESSENCE OF THE MALE MIND.
I'M GUESSING IT WILL SHOOT OUT MY EARS. DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE?
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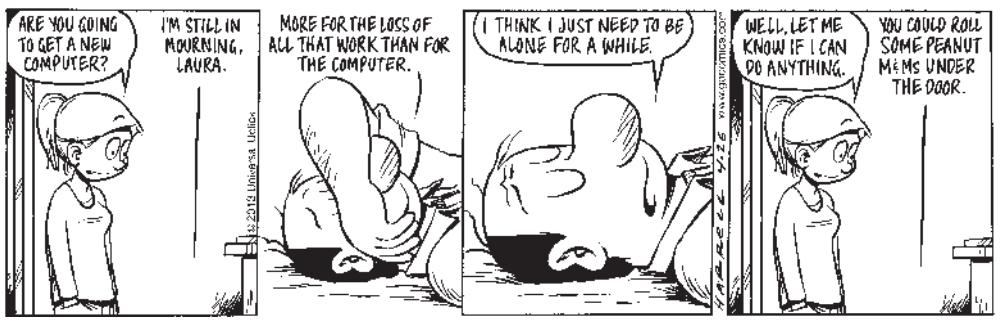
ARE YOU GOING TO GET A NEW COMPUTER?
I'M STILL IN MOURNING, LAURA.
MORE FOR THE LOSS OF ALL THAT WORK THAN FOR THE COMPUTER.
I THINK I JUST NEED TO BE ALONE FOR A WHILE.
WELL, LET ME KNOW IF I CAN DO ANYTHING.
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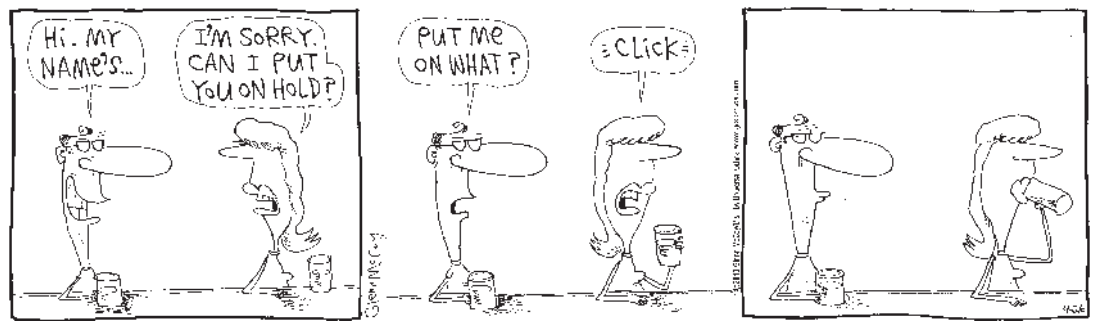
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Chum
4 With 29-Across, Conrad novel
8 Faction
12 Whatever amount
13 Dermatology subject
14 Horn sound
15 Related to summer theater
17 "That hurts!"
18 Decorate a T-shirt, '60s-style
19 Old Olds
21 "— the fields we go"
22 Trite
26 McCartney cohort
29 See 4-Across
30 Praise in verse
31 Doves' place
32 Eviscerate
33 Actress Cannon
34 Commotion
35 Trot
36 Part of a Santa costume
37 1935 Astaire/Rogers movie
39 Oppositionist
40 Swelled head
41 Pester
45 Oodles
48 Western hero's trademark
50 Suitor
51 Draftable
52 List-ending abbr.
53 Complain
54 Peruse
55 "Quiet!"

DOWN
1 History
2 Oppositionist
3 Orpheus' instrument
4 Attorney
5 Earth tone
6 Genetic stuff
7 Midwestern city
8 Remained upright
9 Debtor's letters
10 Elmer, to Bugs
11 Biblical verb ending
16 Worship
20 Shade source
23 Georgetown athlete
24 Hebrew month
25 See to
26 "Shoo!"
27 — list
28 On
29 Moonshine container
32 Commence hostilities
33 Thick
35 Binge
36 Went by water
38 Excited
39 Porcelain
42 "I'll have what — having"
43 Wooden strip
44 Leave an impression
45 "The Chew" network
46 Meadow
47 Rowing need
49 Weeding tool

Solution time: 25 mins.

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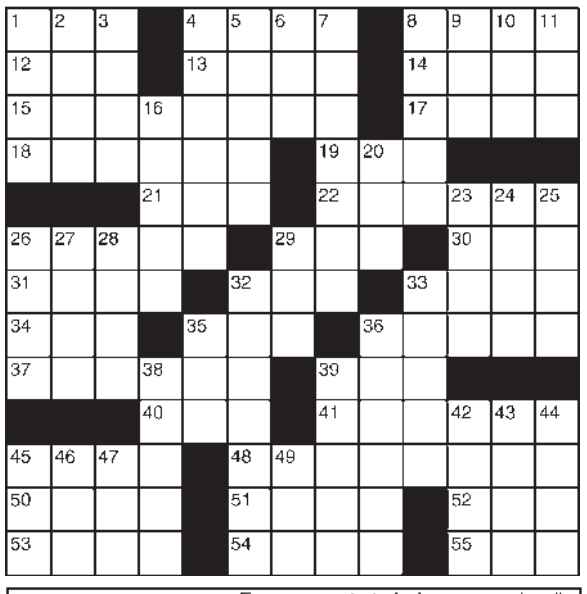

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Happy Birthday: Strive to do your best. Take care of any pending problems before they spin out of control. A serious approach to what you have to offer and how you go about doing so will determine your advancement. Don't limit the possibilities or neglect medical and financial matters. Take care of personal and professional business without hesitation. Your numbers are 6, 14, 22, 27, 32, 38, 45.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Take care of your responsibilities. Don't trust others to put as much effort into something as you do. Disappointment will lead to a standoff that adds to your stress. See matters through to completion and collect the rewards. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Focus on relationships. Take a position of leadership. Put your best foot forward and call the shots. Make creative suggestions and carry out your plans without expecting anything in return and you will enhance your reputation and the way you live. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Help others, but don't let it cost you financially. Look at the big picture and find a way to minimize what needs to be done. Keep life and relationships simple and maintain a positive outlook. Take care of your health and wellness. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Helping others will lead to friendship. Take time out of your busy schedule to pamper or treat yourself to something nice. Love is on the rise and spending time with the people you care about most will build a stronger relationship. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Emotional issues will climax if you address complaints aggressively. Step back and put your effort into preparing and executing what's expected of you professionally. Attend a meeting or function that allows you to expand your business contacts. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): A change will be restful and spark new interests. Take a trip or get involved in something you've never considered doing before. Love and romance are heading your way and enjoying the company of someone special will result in an improved lifestyle. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Everything will focus around contracts, money and negotiating the best deal you can. Don't leave anything to chance. Being fully prepared and offering something with a unique twist will grab the attention of someone with the ability to help you establish your plans. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Take care of unfinished personal business that can alter the way you move forward personally. Use your imagination and you'll come up with a formula that will enhance your chance of success without letting your personal life suffer. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Your good ideas will bring positive change to your personal life. Showing interest in someone able to contribute to your plans will help you move forward. Don't take on responsibilities that don't belong to you or you'll stifle your chance to succeed. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Spontaneity coupled with a little charm and pressure will help you get your way both at home and at work. Let your intuition guide you and you will find the perfect way to please someone you love. Passion is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Put more time and effort into learning, honing and researching. The time spent now will pay off when the time comes to make both personal and professional changes. Updating your image or making physical improvements will result in compliments. ✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): By helping an organization you have worked with in the past, you will work your way into a position that will spark your imagination and motivate you to explore new interests. Love, romance and commitment are all in the stars. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are imaginative, headstrong and demonstrative. You are determined and persistent.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 4/26

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 4/25

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

FORD MUSTANGS Solution: 7 letters

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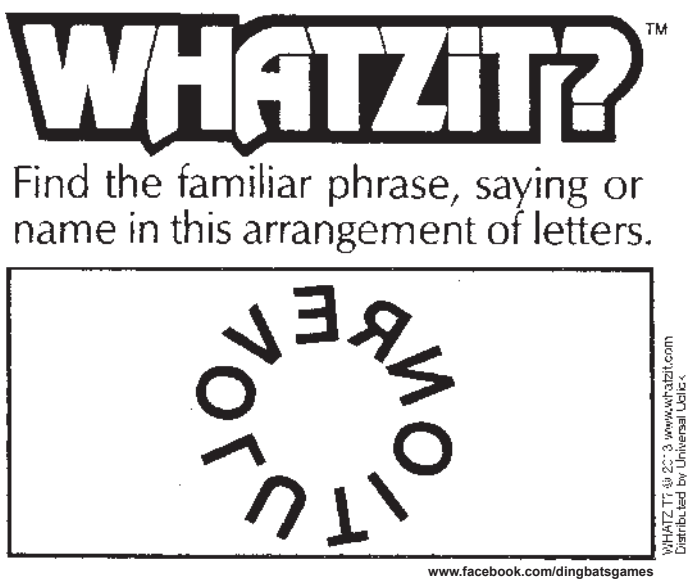

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Drew, Ortiz carry Red Sox past A's, 6-5

BOSTON (AP) — Stephen Drew hit a two-run triple, David Ortiz had two hits and drove in a run and the Boston Red Sox beat the Oakland Athletics 6-5 on Wednesday afternoon to take a three-game series.

It was Boston's ninth win in 12 games and came after a 13-0 loss to Oakland a night earlier.

Chris Young had a three-run homer and a solo shot for the Athletics, who finished a six-game road trip 1-5. They were swept at the Tampa Bay Rays over the weekend.

Ortiz is 8 for 16 since returning to the lineup on Saturday for the first time since last August. He missed 71 of the final 72 games last season and all of spring training with an Achilles tendon injury.

Blue Jays 6, Orioles 5, 11 innings

In Baltimore, Jim Johnson walked Maicer Izturis with the bases loaded in the 11th inning to force in the tiebreaking run, and the Blue Jays beat the Orioles to avert a three-game sweep and end Baltimore's run of consecutive extra-inning victories at 17.

The Blue Jays hit four home runs, but the decisive run came without Izturis taking a swing. With two outs in the 11th, J.P. Arencibia and Munenori Kawaski singled before Johnson (1-2) hit Brett Lawrie with a pitch and issued a four-pitch walk to Izturis, the No. 9 hitter in the lineup.

White Sox 3, Indians 2

On Chicago, Alex Rios hit a two-run homer and the White Sox beat the Indians to stop a four-game losing streak.

Jeff Keppinger had two hits and drove in a run for the White Sox, who earned a split of the rain-shortened series. Jose Quintana (2-0) was charged with two runs and four hits in five-plus innings.

Rios connected in the fifth, hitting a two-out drive to left on an 0-2 pitch from Zach McAllister (1-3). Rios leads the White Sox with six homers.

Astros 10, Mariners 3

In Houston, Chris Carter, Ronny Cedeno and Brandon Laird homered, Lucas Harrell pitched seven innings, and the Astros beat the Mariners.

The Astros took two of three in the series, and four of their seven wins this season have come against the Mariners, their new AL West foe. Seattle and Miami are the only teams without a series win this season.

Tigers 7, Royals 5

In Detroit, Jose Valverde returned to Detroit with a save and Victor Martinez drove in a pair of runs to help the Tigers beat the Royals.

Max Scherzer (2-0) got the win, allowing five runs in five innings, with three Tigers relievers finishing the game. Valverde, called up earlier in the day, returned to the Tigers with a perfect ninth inning. Valverde lost the closing role during the postseason and wasn't offered a contract, but signed a minor-league deal earlier this month and returned to Detroit after a short minor-league stint.

Rays 3, Yankees 0

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Alex Cobb scattered three hits over 8 1-3 innings, Ben Zobrist drove in two runs and the Rays beat the Yankees.

Cobb (3-1) gave up only two hits through the eighth—Eduardo Nunez's second-inning single and an infield single by Jayson Nix in the sixth. The right-hander, who struck out seven and walked one, was replaced by Fernando Rodney after giving up a one-out single in the ninth to Brett Gardner.

After allowing Ichiro Suzuki's single, Rodney completed his third save by retiring Robinson Cano and Travis Hafner.

Rangers 11, Angels 3

In Anaheim, Calif., Nelson Cruz capped a nine-run fourth inning with a three-run homer, Lance Berkman had four RBIs and the Rangers helped Yu Darvish cruise to a victory over the Angels.

Darvish (4-1) allowed three hits over six scoreless innings, struck out 11 and lowered his ERA to 1.65 after getting staked to an 11-0 lead. It was the right-hander's 11th double-digit strikeout performance in 34 major league starts.

Cardinals 4, Nationals 2

In Washington, Yadier Molina hit a two-run single off Stephen Strasburg during St. Louis' three-run first inning as the Cardinals beat the Nationals 4-2 Wednesday to complete a sweep and give Washington's All-Star ace the only four-start losing streak of his young career.

Jaime Garcia (2-1) allowed a run on Bryce Harper's sixth-inning groundout, but otherwise added to the offensive struggles of the Nationals, who have lost six consecutive home games and nine of their last 12 overall to fall to 10-11.

Washington produced only four runs in the three-game set, a rematch of the 2012 NL division series won by St. Louis.

Rockies 6, Braves 5, 12 innings

In Denver, Wilin Rosario scored on Yorvit Torrealba's single to left in the 12th inning as Colorado rallied in the ninth to deny Atlanta's Tim Hudson his 200th career win.

Michael Cuddyer and Josh Rutledge homered for the Rockies, who ended a three-game skid behind one-hit pitching by the bullpen over the last six innings. Matt Belisle (1-1), the fourth reliever used by Colorado, pitched two perfect frames.

Rosario led off the 12th with a double to left off Luis Ayala (1-1). After Cuddyer was intentionally walked, Belisle struck out on a bunt attempt. Torrealba ripped a single to left, and Justin Upton's throw home was wide as Rosario slid in with the winning run.

Diamondbacks 3, Giants 2, 10 innings

In San Francisco, pinch hitter Will Nieves delivered a sacrifice fly in the 10th inning to lift Arizona to a victory over San Francisco.

Gerardo Parra and A.J. Pollack also drove in a run for the Diamondbacks, who beat the Giants in 11 innings Tuesday night. Didi Gregorius had two hits.

Reds 1, Cubs 0

In Cincinnati, Mat Latos Latos retired the first 10 batters and 15 of the first 16 he faced and mostly spared an overworked bullpen, leading Cincinnati over Chicago.

Todd Frazier hit a long home run to provide all the scoring Latos would need. With one out in the sixth inning of a scoreless tie, Frazier blasted a 2-1 pitch from Jeff Samardzija (1-4) 480 feet to straightaway center field to increase his team-leading home run total to six.

Pirates 5, Phillies 3

In Philadelphia, Brandon Inge got a pinch-hit tiebreaking RBI single in the eighth inning and Pittsburgh rallied to beat Philadelphia.

Roy Halladay pitched six innings of one-hit ball and Chase Utley and Ryan Howard hit upper-deck solo homers off Wandy Rodriguez, but Mike Adams (1-2) couldn't protect an eighth-inning lead.

Pedro Alvarez hit a solo homer off Antonio Bastardo in the seventh and his RBI single in the fourth was the only hit off Halladay. Halladay struck out eight and walked two.

Mets 7, Dodgers 3, 10 innings

In New York, Jordany Valdespin hit a grand slam in the 10th inning and New York rallied past Los Angeles to save early sensation Matt Harvey from his first loss of the season.

David Wright tied it with a two-out single in the ninth off Los Angeles closer Brandon League, handed his first blown save in six chances.

Matt Kemp homered and drove in three runs as the Dodgers grabbed a 3-1 lead against Harvey.

Padres 2, Brewers 1

In San Diego, Edinson Volquez threw seven strong innings and Carlos Quentin hit his first home run of the season, helping San Diego snap Milwaukee's nine-game winning streak.

Volquez (1-3) allowed just five singles, struck out three and did not walk a batter, lowering his ERA from 8.84 to 6.39 as San Diego ended a five-game skid.

It marked only the fourth time in 127 starts that Volquez did not walk a batter.

Parker leads Spurs to 102-91 win over Lakers

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—The San Antonio Spurs kept insisting the playoffs were a new season and that their woeful finish to the regular season was not as grave as it appeared.

After 16 straight postseason appearances, San Antonio should know what it's talking about.

Tony Parker had 28 points and seven assists and the Spurs beat the Los Angeles Lakers 102-91 on Wednesday night to take a 2-0 lead in their Western Conference first-round playoff series.

Tim Duncan and Kawhi Leonard had 16 points each, Manu Ginobili added 13 points and Matt Bonner had 10 for San Antonio, which had lost three straight entering the series.

"I thought we played two pretty good games on the defensive end of the court back-to-back," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "That was our goal at the beginning of the season and we did it for most of the year, as I said, until maybe the last three weeks of the season it dissipated. We got it back for these two games."

Dwight Howard and Steve Blake had 16 points each to lead Los Angeles. Metta World Peace and Pau Gasol added 13 points each, but no other player had more than nine as the Lakers shot 45 percent from the field.

Game 3 is Friday night in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles said a key to winning was shooting better, and they did—but so did San Antonio.

"They are just much more efficient than we are," Los Angeles coach Mike D'Antoni said. "They are playing better than we are right now."

The Spurs shot 51 percent from the field after shooting 38 percent in Game 1. San Antonio was 7 for 14 on 3-pointers, including 5 for 7 in the first half.

Parker had 15 points in the third quarter after going 1 for 6 in the first half. He scored 12 straight points on a series of layups and floating jumpers against Blake. Parker's run gave the Spurs a 75-65 lead with 3 minutes left in the third.

"You see Tony tonight and that's probably the best part of the whole game," Duncan said. "He's getting his rhythm back. He felt good tonight. He shot the ball well tonight. He looked like Tony of midseason tonight and that's great for us."

The Lakers shot 37 percent (9 for 24) in the first quarter, a slight improvement over their 7-for-20 performance (35 percent) in the opening quarter of Game 1.

Gasol posted early, tipping in a miss by Howard for the game's opening basket and missing a 5-footer before Duncan blocked his 5-foot hook.

Gasol was 5 for 14 overall, including 1 for 6 in the second half.

"I didn't get into a good rhythm out there," Gasol said. "This first half was better, but in the second half I struggled with my shot. I can't be short on my shots; fatigue kicked in a little bit and I'm fighting through some stuff myself physically. But at this point, we're in fight mode; we'll fight through whatever is on the table. Try to stay alive in this series and fight for our lives."

The Lakers went to the perimeter following the block, resulting in consecutive 3s by Blake and World Peace for an 8-6 lead with 8:23 left in the first quarter.

Ginobili once again energized the Spurs, sparking runs of 13-4 and 10-3 to close the first and second quarters. He had 12 points in the first half and was 3 for 4 on 3-pointers.

"He's playing very well right now," D'Antoni said. "There's not a whole lot of adjustments; we try to push him to his weak hand and try to get up in him, but at some point you just have to man up and just do the best you can."

Ginobili had six points with two assists and a block in 6 minutes to bridge the first and second quarters.

He hit two 3s in the final minute of the second quarter, including one off his initial pass that bounced off DeJuan Blair's head but eventually found its way back to him. He also fed a streaking Leonard for a dunk off a turnover.

"You have to give credit to them," D'Antoni said. "When the ball hits somebody in the head, bounced around and went over to the 3, that didn't help any. That's why they are good. They are a better team."

In the first quarter, Ginobili hit a step-back 3 and then drew the defense and fed Gary Neal for an open 3, which he made to give the Spurs a 28-23 lead at the close of the first quarter.

The Lakers went on a 9-2 run to close within 33-32 with 8 minutes left in the first half. Nash opened and closed the run with jumpers.

Nash continued to play after tweaking his hamstring, finishing with nine points in 31 minutes.

Bonner's 3 on an open look with 7 minutes left in the first half drew a cry of frustration from Gasol, who shouted at the bench and pointed at Bonner over an apparent missed assignment.

"(Bonner) was a key player for us today," Ginobili said. "He was very active defensively. Of course he's giving Dwight a big advantage in size, strength and quickness, and I could keep going. But he did a great job getting around him, fronting him from behind."

Howard had heated battles with Bonner and Duncan in the first half. After getting tied up midway through the second quarter, Duncan and Howard walked down the court glaring at each other with Howard jawing at Duncan.

"It is frustrating," Howard said of the defensive pressure. "I just have to trust my teammates to make shots. On whatever they do defensively, I have to be aware of my arms and try not to get tangled up."

AP

San Antonio Spurs' Tony Parker, right, of France, drives as Los Angeles Lakers' Steve Nash (10) defends during the first half of Game 2 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series on Wednesday, April 24, 2013, in San Antonio, Texas.

Howard was later grabbed from behind by Bonner and his arm was pulled by Ginobili, but the Lakers All-Star still managed to bank in a layup, flexing his muscles after the shot. Howard even made the ensuing free throw, giving the Lakers a 44-43 lead with 3 minutes left in the first half.

Howard was 2 for 4 on free throws.

Bonner followed with a 3, however, to put the Spurs back on top at 46-44.

Thunder 105, Rockets 102

In Oklahoma City, Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook both scored 29 points as Oklahoma City recovered after squandering a 15-point lead in the fourth quarter to take a 2-0 series lead.

Durant hit the go-ahead 3-pointer with 2:28 to play, and the Thunder didn't relinquish the lead after that. Durant missed a free throw with 1 second left, but Houston was out of timeouts and Carlos Delfino couldn't connect on a desperation shot at the final buzzer.

James Harden scored 36 points and spearheaded a 21-2 comeback that wiped out the big deficit and put the Rockets up 95-91. But the top-seeded Thunder were able to respond and protect the home-court advantage they'd spent all season earning.

Game 3 is Saturday night in Houston.

The Thunder's big lead melted away with nine straight empty possessions as the Rockets mixed in a zone defense. Oklahoma City came back to tie it before Harden knifed to the basket for a layup to give Houston its last lead, 97-95 with 2:42 to play. Durant answered right away with a deep 3 from the left wing, and the Thunder came up with back-to-back stops before Thabo Sefolosha's 3 provided a little breathing room at 101-97.

Pacers 113, Hawks 98

In Indianapolis, Paul George followed his triple-double by scoring a playoff career-high 27 points to lead Indiana to a 2-0 series lead.

The Pacers have won four straight home games over the Hawks. It's the first time Indiana has held a 2-0 series lead since the 2004 Eastern Conference semifinals.

George, playing in his first game since being named the league's Most Improved Player, was 11 of 21 from the field, had eight rebounds, three assists and four steals and again played well defensively. George Hill had 22 points.

Atlanta was led by Devin Harris with 17 points. Jeff Teague and Josh Smith both had 16.

Game 3 is Saturday in Atlanta.

Indiana again took control late in the first quarter and never trailed again.

Memphis' Gasol wins NBA *defensive player honors*

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Grizzlies center Marc Gasol insists he isn't being charitable when he credits his teammates for winning his first NBA Defensive Player of the Year award. Playing great defense is just what they do in Memphis.

He said Wednesday that he believes the entire team has been recognized for how the Grizzlies play defense, crediting guards Tony Allen and Mike Conley for having a big share of the award with him.

"It's a team game, and there's no way around it. That's how we play basketball," Gasol said. "We play as a unit, and defensively, you need five guys to play. One of us is not playing defense, we cannot do it. We play as a team. It actually feels much better when we do it like that. You create something bigger than yourself. It's not just about you."

Gasol anchored that defense, and he received 212 points and 30 first-place votes to edge Miami's LeBron James, who had 149 points and 18 first-place votes. Gasol appeared on only 60 of the 121 ballots cast, with James on 47 ballots despite his 129 steals and 67 blocked shots.

The 7-foot-1 Spaniard became the first European to win the award, though just the latest big man following Tyson Chandler of New York last year and Dwight Howard three straight seasons before that. Gasol called being the first European to win this award an honor.

"Now I think my kids are going to believe me when I tell them I played in the NBA," Gasol said, smiling.

Gasol averaged 1.7 blocks and 1.0 steals for a Memphis defense that allowed a league-best 88.7 points per game. The five-year veteran ranked 12th in the league in blocks. Memphis became the first team to hold opponents below 90 points per game in a season since 2005-06 when both the Grizzlies (88.5) and San Antonio (88.8) accomplished the feat.

Teammate Zach Randolph sat on the front row for the news conference and applauded enthusiastically. Memphis coach Lionel Hollins sat a couple seats down from Randolph and later posed for photos with Gasol and the award.

"It's a great honor," Hollins said. "Marc's played well. There's a lot of other guys that are worthy, you know. They saw fit to give Marc the award, and he was deserving."

Oklahoma City's Serge Ibaka was third with 122 points and 14 first-place votes.

The 28-year-old Gasol is the first Grizzlies player to earn defensive player honors, and he did it in a season when he wasn't an All-Star. His older brother, Pau, was the Rookie of the Year in 2002 when he still played for the Grizzlies.

Gasol also had to beat out two teammates in Tony Allen, who received 102 points and nine first-place votes, and guard Mike Conley, who received a point.

Allen was picked for the NBA's All-Defensive team a year ago and finished sixth in voting for Defensive Player of the Year. The Grizzlies held opponents to an average of 6.8 fewer points with Gasol on the court, the same stat with Allen on the court. Allen said he was happy for Gasol.

"Somebody else would've got Defensive Player of the Year, I would've been highly upset," Allen said. "It just goes to show you how big our Memphis Grizzlies have grown on the defensive end. You look back, the Memphis Grizzlies have never been looked at as a defensive team. You look how we put that brand of basketball into this organization, it's just a big compliment. I'm glad he got that award."

Gasol not only blocks shots and rebounds, he also helps position his teammates on defense. In a loss at Utah in March, Gasol even threw his shoe after it came off his foot trying to get a stop.

"I'm not really fast," Gasol said. "Without a shoe, I'm much slower so I had to stop the game somehow."

Chiefs could make rare choice of OT at No. 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Playing on the offensive line is about as unglamorous as it gets in professional football.

Nobody pays much attention to the guys in the trenches until flags are flying. They spend Sunday afternoons getting punched, kicked and thrown to the turf, their fingers smashed and their face masks twisted—not to mention whatever goes on at the bottom of those piles.

The best offensive tackle will never be as valuable as, say, the best quarterback, and rarely does one of the guys up front stoke the passions of a fan base weary of losing.

So perhaps it's no surprise that since the AFL-NFL merger in 1970, only twice has an offensive lineman been selected first overall in the draft - Orlando Pace in 1997 and Jake Long in 2008.

The Kansas City Chiefs could make it three on Thursday night.

In a draft without a top-end talent at quarterback and no clear-cut No. 1 prospect regardless of position, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell is expected to call out the name of one of two offensive tackles—Luke Joeckel of Texas A&M or Eric Fisher of Central Michigan—after Kansas City hands in its selection at Radio City Music Hall in New York City.

"Last year, people picking at the top of the draft were looking for quarterbacks. And fortunately, they were there," said former NFL coach Jon Gruden, now an analyst with ESPN. "If you're looking for a left tackle this year, you're a lucky guy."

AP

NFL draft prospects Luke Joeckel of Texas A&M, left, and Menelik Watson of Florida State participate in a youth football clinic in New York,Wednesday, April 24, 2013.

The Chiefs insist that they're not necessarily looking for a left tackle; they're looking for the best available player, and Joeckel and Fisher happen to fit the bill.

But it helps the cause of both Joeckel and Fisher - or maybe even Lane Johnson, an offensive tackle from Oklahoma—that Kansas City could be unsettled at the position by draft night.

The Chiefs placed the franchise tag on left tackle Branden Albert, and he's signed the tender worth about $9.3 million for next season. But they've also granted the Dolphins permission to speak with Albert's representatives, and it's becoming increasingly likely that a trade will happen.

That would make the selection of left tackle an obvious choice.

"What I have to do is what's best for the Kansas City Chiefs," said general manager John Dorsey, who helped put together some of the Green Bay Packers' best drafts but is calling the shots from the GM chair for the first time after being hired in January.

"I'll explore every option and available thing," he said, "and then you'll being to weigh those decisions, and you have all the way up until that last minute."

It didn't come down to the last minute a year ago.

The Colts revealed on Tuesday of draft week that they were selecting quarterback Andrew Luck first overall, and that allowed some of the dominos to start falling. The Redskins traded up to nab quarterback Robert Griffin III, and the draft was off and running.

That won't be the case this year, partly because there's no QB worth the No. 1 pick.

Players at the game's most vital position have been chosen first overall four straight years, and 10 of the last 12. And the Chiefs probably would have made it five straight if there was someone worth the pick. Instead, they traded with San Francisco to acquire Alex Smith this offseason.

So, everything appears to be circling back to a blindside protector.

The St. Louis Rams decided in 1997 that Pace was a better option than anybody in a forgettable quarterback class that included the likes of Jim Druckenmiller, Danny Wuerffel and Pat Barnes. Pace became a three-time All-Pro and made seven straight Pro Bowls in his 13-year career.

Long, who the Dolphins picked first in 2008, also became an All-Pro and has made four Pro Bowls in his five-year career. But betting against the quarterbacks that year didn't pay off nearly as well for Miami—Matt Ryan and Joe Flacco were selected later in the first round.

One of the advantages to choosing an offensive tackle is the relative risk. The position is typically easier to evaluate, and project, than some of the skill positions, and rarely do linemen taken high in the draft completely wash out.

Joeckel won the Outland Trophy as the nation's top interior lineman after protecting Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel so successfully last season. Fisher was a third-team All-American who shot up draft boards with an eye-opening performance at the NFL's scouting combine.

"With Joeckel, the floor is extremely high. I can't imagine him coming in and being a bust," said ESPN college football analyst Todd McShay. "Fisher is not as technically sound. You also don't see consistently the tape against top competition. That's nothing that Fisher has done. He can only play who he can play. But I just think Joeckel to me has the highest floor of the three.

"Who knows what Kansas City thinks," McShay said, "but to me that seems to be the right pick, because there is very little bust potential when it comes to Joeckel."

Dorsey and new Chiefs coach Andy Reid have refused to give any indication of who they might pick Thursday night, assuming they still have the No. 1 selection. The only thing they've made clear is that they intend to choose whoever they believe is the best player.

"It's the first pick in the draft," Dorsey said. "I look at it as a positive because what it is, is you get a shot at the best player in the draft."

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Balakrishna tops SGA March Ace tourney

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Pacific Islands Club Saipan F&B director Steve Balakrishna, seventh from right, won Saipan Golfers Association's March ace of the month tournament held last April 14 at he Kingfisher Golf Links.

Pacific Islands Club Saipan F&B director Steve Balakrishna was hailed Saipan Golfers Association ace of the month winner for March after topping the club's monthly tournament held last April 14 at the Kingfisher Golf Links in Talafofo.

Balakrishna shot a net 70 to win the competition and now joins Edward Sablan and James Whang, January and February aces, respectively, as qualifiers in SGA's season-ending tournament.

A total of 18 golfers took part in the March ace tournament with Nick Sablan and Juan L. Babauta coming in second and third, respectively, after Balakrishna. Both actually finished tied with a net 71, but Sablan edged Babauta via scorecard tiebreak.

At the awards banquet at Amigos Pizza, the Top 3 players for the month were recognized along with the winners for the closest-to-the-pin contest.

Former Superior Court presiding judge Edward Manibusan single-handedly took holes No. 6, 8, and 12 and Juan Lizama won hole No. 15.

In the longest drive, the club's lone female golfer Frances Sablan took hole No. 3, while Sablan was without peer on hole No. 11. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

MPU FC donates to GES

MP United Football Club donated paper products to Garapan Elementary School last week.

MPU and GES have collaborated together over the past five years to foster football development for the youth largely in the Garapan, Navy Hill, and surrounding areas. MPU's 11 youth teams conducted a paper fund drive during the 2013 spring youth season, which concluded this month.

The MPU board, consisting of president Vickie Izuka, vice presidents Norman del Rosario and Lydia Tan, general secretary Ana Hilario, and treasurer Rose Soledad, presented the donated paper goods to GES principal Paulette Sablan, vice principal, Leila Yumul, and guidance counselor Derwin Johnson last April 16.

Both MPU and GES plan to continue collaborative efforts to help and support both youth football and the school in the coming school years. ***(PR)***

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MP United Football Club officials turn over donations to Garapan Elementary School officials last week.

BANMI starts tryout for MBT Monday

The Basketball Association of the Northern Mariana Islands is calling all interested players to attend basketball tryouts for the CNMI's U19 teams that will compete in the 2013 Micronesian Basketball Tournament.

Guam will host the MBT U19 from June 23 to 28 and the CNMI is planning to send boys and girls teams in the competition.

The first of a series of tryouts will start on Monday with interested individuals both in the girls and boys divisions requested to be at the track facility of the Oleai Sports Complex by 5pm.

The second tryout will be held the next day, from 6pm to 8pm with the boys training at the Northern Marianas College Gymnasium and the girls at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The last three tryouts are set for May 1, 2, and 4. The third tryout will be held at the track from 5pm, while the 6pm to 8pm schedule at NMC and Ada gyms will be in effect for the May 2 tryout. Then for the final tryout, female players must be at the Ada Gym from 12pm to 2pm, while the male aspirants are required to take park in the 3pm to 5pm drills, also at the Ada Gym. Players are asked to bring their own water bottle, towel, extra shirts, and a pair of basketball sneakers. ***(PR)***

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Steven Martin, Joshua De Leon, David Mafnas, Cole Chambers, Logan Mister, Won Kwan Kim, Anthony Fruit, Jherico Tiamzon, and Clayton Izuka. Wai Wo "Jacky" Lee is the head coach, while Northern Mariana Islands Football Association technical director Johann Noetzel is the goalkeeping coach, and Derek Chambers and Gary Ramsey are the other team officials.

The CNMI U14 National Team's win in Beijing was the Commonwealth's first in an AFC event and second in an international competition. The CNMI U15 National Team recorded the first victory for the AFC associate-member nation, topping Macau, 2-1, in the 2011 East Asian Football Federation U15 Youth Tournament held in Taipei.

"It was a historic win," Angeles said in an email to members and officials of the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association.

The victory was also the first against rival Guam, which bowed out of the Group G qualifier winless in four games to finish last in the five-team tournament. South Korea, China, and Chinese-Taipei complete the field with the former holding a 2-0-0 record and slightly ahead on goals scored, 21-19, against China (2-0-0). South Korea and China were scheduled to battle for the top spot last night's second game and the host will close out its campaign today against the rejuvenated CNMI crew.

The Commonwealth bets opened their campaign in the AFC qualifier with a dismal showing against South Korea, 0-13, before playing a better game against Chinese-Taipei, limiting their foes to two goals.

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the Pinnacle Rockies (6-4) and McDonald's (6-4), while the bottom half has Kagman Little Legals (6-5), Red Sox (5-5), Comets II (5-6), Survivors (4-7), Twins (3-8), IT&E (1-10), Jets (1-10), and the Kagman Ford Rangers (0-11).

Ol'Aces got the win despite being called for two early strikeouts in their first at bats. After Napu Pua struck out Ol'Aces' first two batters, Kimo Angailen started the team's offense with a solo homer to right field. Camacho followed it up with a two-run homer also at right field for their 3-0 advantage.

Camacho then went to the dish at the bottom of the first and struck out Froilan Camacho and the Jets were done after only three batters as Andre Camacho was grounded out at first and Angailen caught a fly ball from Pua.

After a short stint at the plate in the first inning, the Jets continued to miss their targets in the last three innings and only had one hit with Andres Camacho making a single at centerfield.

On the other hand, Ol'Aces did a better job at bat, scoring three more runs in the second, getting two in the third, and three more in the final inning. Lufo Babauta, Marty Taisacan, and Ross Arriola scored off the Jets errors in the second inning and the two runs in the third were also made via miscues. Then in the third, Angailen tripled in Babauta and the former also reached home plate on a wild throw. The third and last run in that inning came from Mathan Higgins, who made it home off Keoni Kaipat's single.

Angailen led Ol'Aces' offense, going 2-for-3 at bat and scoring two runs and two RBIs while Taisacan helped out with his 2-for-2 performance at the plate, coupled with two runs, one RBI, and two doubles.

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markers, firing 11 of them in the fourth quarter, which was a back-and-forth match. Francisco scored 8 straight markers in the last five minutes of the game to keep the Sexy Boys afloat and trade baskets with Zhe Chen, who gave Camor the lead for the last time, 69-68, before Caro made the dagger.

Chen paced Camor with his 17 points, while Litulimar added 12 in the sorry loss in a pretty even game that saw many lead changes and deadlocks and was rain-delayed twice in the first half.

The Sexy Boys took a precarious 2-point lead after the first period, 15-13, but Camor grabbed the driver's seat at the break, 31-27. The Sexy Boys then regained the upper hand at the end of the third, 51-48, with Francisco scoring the team's last 3 points in that canto. Francisco also dropped the first basket for Sexy Boys in the fourth frame and went on to carry the cudgels for his team before Caro stepped in at the closing seconds and connected on the winning basket. Camor had two chances to pull up for shots in the remaining seconds of the fourth, but failed to cash in on the opportunities.

In the first game, Flip Top held Maplas to 10 points each in the third and fourth quarter to pull off a come-from-behind win.

Maplas got off to a good start, leading at 20-13 after the first quarter behind the 7 points of Chris Matias. It remained on the driver's seat at halftime, 35-27, as Matias finished the break with 10 markers and four more Maplas players contributed to the team's cause.

However, Maplas failed to sustain its momentum in the second half with Matias held scoreless and only Edmark Mendoza collected more than two field goals in the final 20 minutes of play.

While Maplas' offense slowed down in the second half, Flip Top started to hit its target late in the third with Donnel Isip connecting on back-to-back triples to move his team within six, 39-45, entering the final canto.

Isip then got his eighth straight point after opening the fourth period with a field goal and the rest of his teammates stepped in to complete the come-from-behind win. Emerson Feria scored 4 of Flip Top's last 8 points, Robert Valiente added two, and Toby Fleming and Tanner Maratita chipped in one each.

First Game

Flip Top 59 – Feria 15, De Leon 11, Isip 8, Valiente 6, Fleming 4, Cabaltica 3, Toribio 2, Hockett 2, Maratita 1.

Maplas 56 – Mendoza 15, David 11, Matias 10, Odicta 7, Morales 6, Aniciete 4, Claveria 2.

Scoring by quarters: 13-20, 27-35, 39-45, 59-56.

Second Game

Sexy Boys 70 – Francisco 18, Manglona 10, Caro 10, Maranan 6, Esteves 6, Tangcoy 6, Tinio 5.

Camor 69 – Chen 17, Litulimar 12, Aranda 9, Yap 8, Galulu 6, Factor 4, Rabauliman 4, Ibanez 2, Espinosa 1.

Scoring by quarters: 15-13, 27-31, 51-48, 70-69.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	14	7	.667	_
Baltimore	12	9	.571	2
New York	11	9	.550	2 1/2
Tampa Bay	10	11	.476	4
Toronto	9	13	.409	5 1/2

Central Division

Kansas City	10	8	.556	_
Minnesota	9	8	.529	1/2
Detroit	10	9	.526	1/2
Cleveland	8	11	.421	2 1/2
Chicago	8	12	.400	3

West Division

Texas	14	7	.667	_
Oakland	13	9	.591	1 1/2
Los Angeles	8	12	.400	5 1/2
Seattle	8	15	.348	7
Houston	7	14	.333	7

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	15	6	.714	_
New York	10	9	.526	4
Washington	10	11	.476	5
Philadelphia	9	13	.409	6 1/2
Miami	5	16	.238	10

Central Division

St. Louis	13	8	.619	_
Cincinnati	13	9	.591	1/2
Pittsburgh	12	9	.571	1
Milwaukee	11	9	.550	1 1/2
Chicago	6	14	.300	6 1/2

West Division

Colorado	14	7	.667	_
San Francisco	13	9	.591	1 1/2
Arizona	12	9	.571	2
Los Angeles	9	11	.450	4 1/2
San Diego	6	15	.286	8

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wild Bill's recovers, nips KFAS

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Wild Bill's Tanapon Unsa, seen here inside the box going against Inter Godfather's defenders while waiting for a corner kick, scored in their 3-2 win over KFAS in the M-League last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex.

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Wild Bill's is back on track after downing Korean Football Association on Saipan, 3-2, during the first game in the M-League last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Daniel Wollak scored twin goals for Wild Bill's, which bounced back from back-to-back losses (against Inter Godfather's and MP United) and got its fourth win in six games. KFAS dropped to a 2-1-3 win-draw-loss record and continued to have an up-and- down performance this spring season.

Tanapon Unsa nailed the other goal for Wild Bill's, putting his team in the scoreboard with a goal in the 20th minute. Scott Kim then made the equalizer five minutes later, but Wild Bill's ended the halftime in front, 2-1, after Wollak got his first goal in the 35 minute.

Neither team broke into the scoreboard in the early goings of the second half before Wollak found the back of the net anew in the 61st minute for the insurance goal. Jun Woo Lee drilled the last goal of the game at the 78th, as Wild Bill's hung on to the lead in the remaining minutes.

Inter Godfather's 1, Paire 0

In the second game, Inter Godfather's kept its hold to the top spot after outclassing cellar dweller Paire.

Matt Holley logged the lone goal in the game in the second half to lift Inter to a 5-0-1 card, one win ahead of its closest pursuers Wild Bill's and MP United (4-0-1).

Paire remained at the bottom of the team standings in Division 1, as it only has one win against five losses.

Meanwhile, the third game in Division 1 saw MP United getting its fourth win via forfeiture against Tan Holdings (1-1-4), which showed up for the match with only five players.

DIVISION 2
Matansa 1, Kanoa 0

Matansa pulled off an upset over erstwhile leader Kanoa FC in the only Division 2 game played last weekend.

Tej Guring posted the winning goal seven minutes before the match wrapped up to give Matansa a 2-0-3 record in the four-team field. Kanoa fell to a 3-0-2 slate and was booted out of first place, which Sun Palace now occupies with its 3-0-1 card.

WOMEN M-LEAGUE
Matansa 2, TanHoldings 1

Matansa was also victorious in the Women's M-League after thwarting Tan Holdings last Saturday.

The win broke Matansa's seven-game losing streak, while the loss dropped Tan Holdings to a 1-1-6 record.

Tina Del Olaitiman handed Matansa its first win of the season after scoring in the 78th minute. Kelsey Lizama logged the other goal for Matansa, as she put her team on the board in the 20th and tied the match at halftime. A Jennifer Perena goal in the 10th minute gave Tan Holdings the early lead before Lizama forced a standoff.

In the other game last Saturday, the undefeated Shirley's FC (7-0-0) won via forfeiture against MP United (4-1-3), which did not had enough players for the match.

NMIFA YOUTH PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Name: **Jim Maniago**
Age Group: **U8**
Team: **Kanoa FC**
Position: **Forward**
Years of Playing Experience: **1 year**
Village: **Chalan Kanoa**
School: **William S. Reyes Elementary School**
Grade: **2nd**

Q: How did you become interested in football?

A: My friends encouraged me to play.

Q: Why do you like to play football?

A: I like to score.

Q: What are your greatest football achievements/moments?

A: Playing in a 3 against 5 game and almost winning the match.

Q: What other message can you share with the football community?

A: Play hard and always try your best.

"Jim is playing in the U8 age group, but his skills can be compared to players in the U15. He is a great kid to coach, as he always comes to our practices and comes to the matches motivated and very eager to score."—***Jim's coach Neeka Atalig.***

Name: **Mary Joy Aniana**
Age Group: **U8**
Team: **Kanoa FC**
Position: **Forward**
Years of Playing Experience: **1 year**
Village: **Kannat Tabla**
School: **William S. Reyes Elementary School**
Grade: **1st**

Q: How did you become interested in football?

A: My sister urged me to play and keep practicing.

Q: Why do you like to play football?

A: I want to become a good play.

Q: What are your greatest football achievements/moments?

A: I once played as goalkeeper and I made a lot of saves.

Q: What other message can you share with the football community?

A: Soccer is fun.

"She is a very good role model to her teammates. She always comes to practice and gives her 100 percent. She can play multiple positions"—***Mary Joy's coach Irish Pagarao.***

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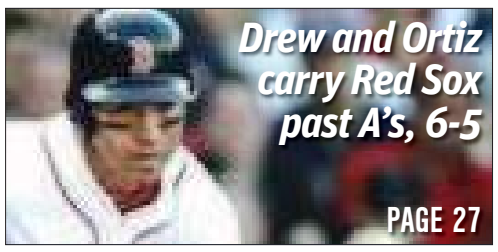

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CNMI beats Guam in qualifier

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The CNMI U14 National Team barged into the win column in the AFC U14 Championship 2014 Qualifiers after edging rival Guam, 1-0, yesterday at the National Football Training Base in Beijing, China.

Forwards Edwin Kim and Sunjoon Tenorio teamed up in handing the Commonwealth strikers their first win in three games. Kim made a cross to Tenorio and the latter completed the play with a conversion.

Reports received from assistant coach Jershwin Angeles did not indicate what time Tenorio drilled the goal, but the MP United standout and Kim were part of the CNMI's starting 11, joining goalie Christopher Aninzo, who is also the captain of the squad. Other starters for the Commonwealth were Euly James Ermitanio, Louie Calayag, Joshua Abragan, Alan Hinson, Alex Park, Mareko Tekopua, Emmanuel Aniana, and Cody Leon.

Completing the squad are Albert Bergancia,

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The CNMI U14 National Team, seen here playing great defense during the first half of their game against Chinese-Taipei in the AFC qualifier last Tuesday in Beijing China, defeated Guam, 1-0, yesterday. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Ol'Aces bring down Jets

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Go See Mark Ol'Aces players huddle at the mound during the last inning of their standoff game against the Pinnacle Rockies in the Major Division of the SLLB last weekend at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Pangelinan Ballfield.

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The Go See Mark Ol'Aces walked away with an 11-0 win over the Juan Santiago Tenorio Jets in the Major division game in the 2013 Saipan Little League Baseball last Tuesday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Pangelinan Ballfield.

Tyrese Camacho nearly threw a no-hitter to hand Ol'Aces the easy victory after only four innings. He allowed only one hit, walked two, and struck out six in a no-relief job to improve Ol'Aces' record to 7-4 and boost his team's playoff chances.

Only the Top 8 teams after the round-robin regular season will make it to the next round and Ol'Aces is in fourth place behind the Talaabwogh Falcons (10-2), Comets I (9-3), NSA Braves (9-2), Laolao (8-3), and JPO Enforcers (8-4). Also at the top half of the 16-team field are

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Close wins for Sexy Boys, Flip Top

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The Sexy Boys' Eugene Manglona, left, and Chris Esteves double-team a driving Prince Factor of Camor during the first quarter of their rain-delayed game in the DLX caging last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

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Two more teams debuted with close victories in the 2013 DLX Invitational last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

In the first game for Bracket A, Flip Top rallied past Maplas, 59-56, while the Sexy Boys eked out a 70-69 triumph against Camor in the Bracket B duel.

Ezra Caro made the winning basket for the Sexy Boys, nailing an under-goal shot in the last 35 seconds of the fourth quarter. The go-ahead basket was his only field goal in the second half and he finished with 10 points, drilling 4 points apiece in the first and second quarters.

Ralph Francisco top-scored for the Sexy Boys with his 18

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